



Update to the Profession – December 2013

Dear Colleagues

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) held its last meeting for 2013 on 18 December, and we have delayed sending this update until after the Christmas season and the hopefully pleasant break you have all had. We are in recess to give the Board members a well-earned rest, and resume our meetings on the 19 February 2014.

For those unfamiliar with the workings of HCA, we would remind you that the Board members are also in positions of responsibility in their associations or educational organisations, and freely give their time to the extra work of this national body on a voluntary basis. So if you make enquiries via the Gmail site, although we endeavour to reply within a few days, please be patient if we take a little longer :) Unlike many associations, we put matters pertaining to HCA through the Board meetings for a group consensus on action, so decisions are comprised of the considerations of representatives of all the associations and two educational organisations. And so far in the history of the HCA National Board, we have always had full consensus :) This is a tribute to the increased level of cooperation between the HCA organisations that has been developing steadily over the years, both pre and during the HCA's existence.

ANHR

There is still a little confusion amongst some practitioners about the HCA and the Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR), so to help resolve this, and to give some good news, the HCA will send a letter to all practitioners via their associations to help clarify the issues and make it easier for them to list if they wish.

We are aware that due to economic influences, some of our practitioners are doing it tough. So at the December meeting of the National Board, it was agreed unanimously to extend the waiver of the \$25 application fee for all applications received by 30 June 2014. The \$50 listing/annual fee for registration to 31 August still applies. There has been some confusion over this in the past, so it is important to note that only the application fee has been waived; the annual registration fee still stands.

If any practitioners have forgotten to renew their ANHR membership for this year or wish to list for the first time, they can go direct to the ANHR website at www.anhregister.org.au, and follow the instructions on the "how to register" page. When making application, it is important to make sure to click save or continue at the bottom of each page when details are entered or the application details will be lost.

A number of practitioners have commenced the application process but have not completed their registration either because payment of the annual fee has not been received, or copies of their membership certificates from their professional association have not been received, or some other reason. The Registrar has now sent emails to those outstanding for a length of time but has had no response. He will be contacting those practitioners by phone shortly if they have not replied in the meantime.

Although there has been time and effort on the back end of the website, there still seems to be an issue that prevents the site's email system from working. We will let you know when this has been resolved, (you will hear my shriek of joy on the airwaves!) but in the meantime, any queries about the ANHR should be directed to Allan Henshaw, the ANHR Registrar, via treasurer@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

The ANHR website however, still functions well for public use. We continue to recommend that all practitioners check their live listings for accuracy of details after receiving notification of successful listing. The ANHR logo will shortly be sent to all listees to add to their own websites as a mark of additional credibility for their practice. Only currently listed practitioners are entitled to claim membership of the ANHR and use the ANHR logo on their practitioner websites. Any copies of the previous ANHR logo should now be removed as the site that it pertained to no longer exists.

ADVERTISING

Again, we strongly recommend that all HCA Member Entities and all their practitioners check their websites and literature for accuracy, and update and amend as necessary with current information. Any advertising that carries out of date claims of membership, unearned qualifications, or implies inaccurate affiliations may breach ACCC laws. ACCC legislation makes it illegal to advertise of goods or services in a way that is "misleading or deceptive"

or is likely to “mislead or deceive, even if unintentional”. Such breaches carry serious penalties under Australian law.

2014 AGM/SGM

The 2014 AGM/SGM is to be held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel in Brisbane on Saturday 30 August 2014, and as has been our custom, will be followed by a dinner. Although we will provide further details closer to the time, we advise you now of the date so you can put it into your diary and start planning your attendance. We hope to see more delegates there in person in 2014 :)

If you would like to contact the National Board about these or other matters, please feel free to do so via secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com or president@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

Regards,

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The HCA Mission:

'The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) is the national peak body for Clinical Hypnotherapy in Australia. The HCA provides a cohesive identity for the diversity of hypnotherapy methodologies and promotes their professional and ethical practice for the benefit of the community.'