



Update to the Profession – November 2013

Dear Colleagues

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) met on 20 November 2013, and even though the Christmas season is approaching, will meet one more time before the end of the year. In the meantime, we bring the following matters to your attention:

2014 AGM/SGM

We continue with the rotation of these yearly national meetings to allow those HCA Member Entity's delegates who are unable to travel interstate, to attend a local national meeting every few years. These meetings are important, not only for the sake of the profession itself, but they allow delegates to help guide the direction of HCA, as well as air concerns that may need to be addressed on a national level. As we found at the 2013 meeting, these discussions are frank and invaluable, and benefit both our member entities and practitioners.

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 :)

ANHR

Although there are still some backend issues being resolved with the software, the Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR) is functioning well for practitioners and the public. We recommend all practitioners check their live listings for accuracy 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.

Eligibility for membership of the ANHR requires current membership of a HCA Member Association, and is dependant on yearly renewal. If you have applied (other than in the 2 weeks before this update) but do not see your listing, or if there needs to be an amendment to your details, please contact us at treasurer@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com. Remember, the previous ANHR website ceased operation on 31 August, and only those who have relisted can claim membership - no details or listings have been carried across so all listings must be freshly made this year.

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 join" page. If this is done before the 31 December, the application fee will be waived, and there is only the \$50 annual fee for listing to 31 August 2014. 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.

ADVERTISING

We strongly recommend that all HCA Member Entities and 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, qualifications or affiliations may cause problems as well as impact credibility, especially in view of the ACCC legislation regarding advertising of goods or services that is "misleading or deceptive" or is likely to "mislead or deceive, even if unintentional".

SUBCOMMITTEES

The HCA National Board would once again like to thank the Chairpersons of last year's subcommittees: Allan Henshaw, James Pocock and Leon Cowen for their assistance with the necessary work. This year the Finance subcommittee will continue under the leadership of Allan Henshaw, the Ethics Subcommittee under James Pocock, while the Educational Advisory Body (EAB) will remain in retirement to commence special projects on a needs basis. If you would like to participate in a sub-committee and help to further the aims of HCA, please advise the HCA secretary at secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

The National Board circulates the minutes of monthly National Board meetings to HCA Members only, and these are considered confidential for our member entities, and not for further circulation. However, these "Updates to the Profession" go to both our HCA Members and other stakeholders who have been involved in the evolution of the

profession over the years, and these Updates may be forwarded on to practitioners if required. This helps to keep everyone informed, and allows those organisations that have not yet joined HCA the opportunity to keep up with the developments, and join if they wish to be a part of this progress. 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.'