



# Hypnotherapy Council of AUSTRALIA

Update to the Profession – May 2014

Dear Colleagues,

The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia's (HCA) National Board met again on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014. The Board would like to thank those delegates who have continued to actively support the principles of the HCA, and offer their input to further the profession.

The HCA **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014**, at the Grand Chancellor Hotel, Brisbane. A 10am start will allow the morning travellers to arrive. We look forward to the delegates from all the HCA member entities attending in person, including the Qld educational organisation members' delegates who can take this opportunity to attend more easily and be a part of the valuable discussions that take place throughout the day.

The day will also include a Special General Meeting (SGM) which will hopefully allow a policy to be voted on, and relevant matters discussed. These discussions may include possible options for practitioner registers, dealing with non-HCA entities, and criteria for ANHR. Specifics on these topics will be circulated as they are finalised closer to the official notification period, and this will allow time for your in-house discussions before the meeting. A dinner will once again follow the meeting for delegates (at own cost), with their partners welcome to join us.

There are two office bearing and two ordinary board member positions up for election, one of which is an educational organisation position. Remember, all HCA entities have a vote, whether your delegate attends in person or not, so please either attend, or give your proxy to another delegate who will be attending. Further details on Agendas, Special Resolutions, and Nomination and Proxy Forms will be circulated a month prior to all HCA delegates and relevant personnel, so please keep an eye on your emails over the coming weeks.

*However, there is another important matter we wish to draw to your attention.*

The Australian Government is currently finalising an important piece of policy that affects all those who assist others with their health and wellbeing. This policy is an extension of the NSW and SA Codes of Conduct for unregistered practitioners, and will be a national policy. We would draw the attention of the HCA associations to such developments, and perhaps suggest considering the advisability of checking State prohibition lists that already exist in NSW and SA as part of their consideration of accepting a practitioner for membership.

Renewal time is here for your organisation's HCA membership, and you would have received the relevant forms from the HCA treasurer recently. The Board has agreed to hold the renewal fee at the current level of \$150.

The ANHR website is undergoing work to attempt to fix the email problem, and hopefully we will have good news on this soon. In the meantime, the website is successfully managed with reference to public viewing, but any practitioner email enquiries or queries should be addressed to the [treasurer@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com](mailto:treasurer@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com) until we are able to notify you that the site's email program is fully operational.

Renewal of the practitioner listings on the ANHR is due 31 August 2014, and notices will be sent out to existing listees in the coming months. Matters relating to this will also be discussed at the AGM/SGM in August.

The listing for ANHR is a \$50 yearly renewal to 31 August each year, and it is not pro-rata. If any of your practitioners list at this point in the year, they would have the benefit of the listing until 31 August 2014, but then would need to renew like all listees in August to be valid to 31 August 2015. Or, they may wish to hold off lodging their initial application until 31 August 2014 when it will be processed as a new application valid to August 2015.

In the spirit of continued transparency and fairness, the National Board will continue to circulate the minutes of each monthly National Board meeting to the relevant personnel of the HCA member entities, and this newsletter to stakeholders in the profession. If you would like to contact the National Board about any of these matters, please feel free to do so via [secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com](mailto:secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com) or [president@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com](mailto:president@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com).

Regards,  
Margaret Kelly  
President,  
Hypnotherapy Council of Australia

***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.'*