



Update to the Profession - August/September 2014

Dear Colleagues,

This combined August/September "Update to the Profession" from the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) contains information on the recent Annual General Meeting (AGM), Special General Meeting (SGM), special resolutions, and changes to the Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR).

The HCA held its AGM/SGM on the 30 August 2014 in Brisbane. The successful day was attended in person by 16 delegates. The Board members standing for election were all re-elected unopposed, so the National Board continues with the stability of members as before.

The AGM matters were handled smoothly, and the meeting closed early, allowing more valuable time for the SGM and its discussions.

At the SGM, 3 special resolutions were put to our members. These were all passed, although one was with an amendment. The resolution dealing with supervision caused some discussion, resulting in the removal of the proviso, and the policy was passed as applying to all practitioners. All resolutions were passed without dissent, though a few entities not attending did not submit proxies, and therefore could not be counted in the vote. Following on from the resolutions, important matters were aired and discussed according to the agenda, and resulting ideas and suggestions from our members then referred to National Board to be considered as appropriate.

These discussions, which now always form a part of our yearly AGM/SGM, provide invaluable information to help guide the ongoing development and direction of HCA.

At the recent National Board meeting, the ANHR renewals were discussed. It has been noted that as associations have different yearly renewal dates, it is difficult for applicants to provide their association membership certificates when they apply for their ANHR listing. We respect that associations need to run according to their own timetables, so to resolve this problem with respect to this fact, the Board has agreed to move the ANHR renewal date to 1 October. It is hoped that this will allow association membership renewals to be completed and current membership certificates issued so that practitioners can submit their ANHR renewal forms together with their current association membership certificate to the ANHR Registrar before the new renewal deadline. We hope this eases the renewal process for practitioners.

There is further good news regarding the ANHR. The website email problems that have plagued the website since its construction have been resolved, and the system is now fully functional. We would like to thank Blue Crane for their enormous effort in restructuring the site without losing the public access in the process.

The Treasurer/Registrar has requested that all practitioners and entities who make payment to HCA for renewals by direct deposit remember to put their name as reference on the transfer so that the correct payment can be attributed to the correct practitioner or organisations.

If your organisation is not yet a member of HCA, and would like to join, please contact us to discuss how this may be achieved. 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.

Kind regards,

The National Board

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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.'