

Update to the Profession – February 2015

Dear Colleagues,

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) reconvened on 18 February 2015 after the seasonal break. We hope the recent storms have not adversely affected our members and practitioners, and that this year proves to be a successful one for everyone.

Government News as of 18 February 2015

1. National Code of Conduct: The final recommendations for this code have been prepared for the next meeting of Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council (AHMAC). This meeting was due last November but was delayed because of elections in NSW and Qld. It is now scheduled for April 2015.
2. Review of Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance for Natural Therapies: Recommendations are now with the Minister, and will be released in due course.

Local News

Hypnosis Associations of Queensland (HAQ), the peak body for Queensland, was formed in 1996, and joined HCA as a founding Member Representative Alliance (MRA) to speak where necessary on behalf of its Queensland organisation members. Now that the HCA is well established, HAQ has now been retired by decision of its members. The HCA National Board would like to thank all HAQ members and the executive for their positive and consistent support during the establishment of the HCA.

ANHR

The Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR) subcommittee meets this month to look at options and strategies to elevate and improve the responsiveness of the register, and overcome certain challenges, including the confusion with other registers.

Emails

All emails sent direct to HCA receive an auto response from the HCA email account. All HCA emails, other than spam or advertising, are then brought to the attention of the HCA National Board at each mid-monthly meeting where they are tabled and handled in a relevant way. Responses to those requiring such are usually sent within 2 weeks of the meeting, most much sooner. If you have sent an email to HCA and not received a response, please feel free to follow it up with your local member of the Board.

Websites

Content on a website has been brought to HCA's attention, and we were reassured to find that they were not a member of a HCA association. However, it is timely as we move further into the new year, to remind all our HCA members and practitioners to check and update websites to keep them professional, current, and avoid possible interpretation of being misleading, deceptive or unprofessional.

Membership

The Board has granted another application for educational organisation membership, pending the supply of final documents. Adherence to HCA policies is a requirement for ongoing membership of HCA.

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.

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.'