



HCA Update to the Profession – March 2015

Dear Colleagues,

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) met again on 18 March 2015.

The HCA National Board has listened to the feedback from our members and their practitioners regarding the peak body's register, the Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR), and is developing strategies to resolve them. Although there are several matters to be considered, the Board and its subcommittee are developing a step at a time approach to the recommendations for effective resolution.

The first issue to be resolved is the confusion between the association based registers, and the peak body's register. The National Board agreed to accept the recommendations of the subcommittee, and rename the peak body register. This name change will be launched in the near future in conjunction with other positive strategies to improve the responsiveness and perception of the register and its listed practitioners.

In response to other matters brought to our attention, the National Board also discussed the issue of additional courses being run by our Member Educational Organisations (MEOs). The National Board would like to make it clear; HCA has no jurisdiction over additional courses run by these organisations.

As long as a HCA MEO adheres to the HCA policies of ethics, standards, etc, they may remain a member of HCA. However, it is important that the additional courses are correctly portrayed, and if related to our profession, that their status in terms of recognition by associations, either for membership or Ongoing Professional Development, is also clarified by the MEO in the promotion of such courses.

Additional learning is encouraged in our profession, and there are many different types of courses to improve a practitioner's skills and effectiveness. However, we remind everyone that for the sake of the overall perception of this healing profession, listing on the peak body register (ANHR) is only available to practitioners who do not practise stage hypnosis.

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](mailto:secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com).

Kind 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.'*