

## Communiqué

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### Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia 24 July 2014 in the AHPRA office, Melbourne

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (the National Board or NMBA) is the national regulator for nursing and midwifery in Australia. It is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory ([the National Law](#)).

The National Board meets monthly and considers a range of matters, the most important of which are published in this Communiqué.

In order to facilitate engagement with local stakeholders across states and territories, the National Board now holds its monthly meeting in a different state and territory every two to three months.

This helps the National Board to gain a better understanding of the jurisdictional matters relating to the regulation of enrolled nurses, registered nurses, midwives and students.

It also supports information sharing on the National Board's strategic priorities, projects and regulatory functions with local representatives from the professional and industrial organisations, education providers and employers, health department and members of the local state or territory board of the NMBA.

#### [Review of the National Board committees' structure](#)

The National Board has started work to review the structure of its current committees. The following are the main National Board committees:

- Policy Committee: Initiates and leads policy development for the regulation of nursing and midwifery in Australia, and monitors and implements related projects and strategies.
- Finance and Governance Committee (FGC): supports the National Board by making sure operations are carried out efficiently, effectively and economically.
- Accreditation Committee: Directs, reviews and evaluates policy related to the accreditation functions of the National Board.

Each committee has a function to support the National Board in meeting its legislative obligations.

There are also state and territory boards and committees, details of which are available under *Being a board member* on the National Board website.

In reviewing the structure of its committees, the National Board is keen to make sure that contemporary governance drives the effective and efficient use of resources, leading to quality decision making.

#### [Welcome to Ms Mary Kirk as new National Board Deputy Chair](#)

The National Board has appointed Ms Mary Kirk as the new Deputy Chair of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia effective from 24 July 2014.

Ms Kirk is the health practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory, and is also a midwife. Ms Kirk previously served the National Board as the Deputy Presiding Member effective from 20 September 2013.

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Visit the [Board member page](#) on our website to see the profiles of our National Board members.

#### State and territory boards of the NMBA: update

The National Board would like to announce and acknowledge the chairs and members of state and territory boards who are leaving, continuing or starting their terms with the respective board.

#### Northern Territory Board of the NMBA

Board member name	Member type	Status
Ms Angela Bull (Chair)	Health Practitioner	Continuing member
Ms Angela Brannelly	Health Practitioner	
Ms Gay Lavery	Health Practitioner	
Dr Brian Phillips	Health Practitioner	
Dr Therese Kearns	Health Practitioner	
Ms Denise Brewster-Webb	Health Practitioner	
Ms Heather Sjoberg	Community	
Mr Ross Ashcroft	Community	
Ms Kim Packer	Community	

*As at 31 July 2014, all members of the Northern Territory Board of the NMBA are continuing members, pending further announcement by the NT Minister for Health. Congratulations to the new Chair **Ms Angela Bull** on your appointment as Chair, and thank you to **Ms Angela Brannelly** for your valuable contribution as Chair.*

#### ACT Board of the NMBA

Board member name	Member type	Status
Ms Emma Baldock (Chair)	Health Practitioner	Continuing member
Ms Alison Chandra	Health Practitioner	
Ms Felicity Dalzell	Health Practitioner	
Ms Natalie Robinson	Health Practitioner	
Ms Alison Reardon	Health Practitioner	New member
Dr Carmel McQuellin	Health Practitioner	Continuing member
Ms Jane Ferry	Community Member	
Ms Kate Gauthier	Community Member	
Ms Eileen Jerga AM	Community Member	

*The National Board welcomes new member **Ms Alison Reardon**, Health Practitioner, to the ACT Board of the NMBA. Congratulations to **Ms Emma Baldock** for continuing as Chair.*

The National Board takes this opportunity to farewell **Ms Tina Calisto**, Health Practitioner, and thank you for your valuable contribution to the board.

#### NSW Board of the NMBA

Board member name	Member type	Status
Mr Eric Daniels (Chair)	Health Practitioner	Continuing member
Ms Kathryn (Kate) Adams	Health Practitioner	
Ms Susan Hendy	Health Practitioner	
Mr Steven Jeffs	Health Practitioner	
Ms Rebecca Roseby	Health Practitioner	
Ms Melissa Maimann	Health Practitioner	
Ms Margaret Winn	Community Member	
Ms Betty Johnson AO	Community Member	
Mr Bruce Brown	Community Member	

As at 31 July 2014, all members of the NSW Board of the NMBA are continuing members with **Mr Eric Daniels** as Chair. The member appointments have been extended by six months pending the announcement of new appointments by the NSW Minister for Health.

#### QLD Board of the NMBA

Board member name	Member type	Status
Professor Patsy Yates (Chair)	Health Practitioner	Continuing member
Professor Donald Gorman	Health Practitioner	
Ms Veronica Casey	Health Practitioner	
Ms Catherine Styles	Health Practitioner	New member
Ms Michelle Garner	Health Practitioner	Continuing member
Ms Tracey Duke	Health Practitioner	New member
Ms Susan Johnson	Community	New member
Mr John Chambers	Community	Continuing member
Mr Stanley Macionis	Community	

The National Board welcomes new members **Ms Catherine Styles**, Health Practitioner, **Ms Tracey Duke**, Health Practitioner, and **Ms Susan Johnson**, Community Member, to the QLD Board of the NMBA. Congratulations to the new Chair, **Prof Patsy Yates**, and thank you to **Prof Donald Gorman** for your valuable contribution as Chair.

The National Board takes this opportunity to farewell **Ms Leanne Smith**, Health Practitioner, and **Mr Terence Selva**, Community Member, and thank you for both for your valuable contribution to the board.

#### SA Board of the NMBA

Board member name	Member type	Status
Associate Professor Linda Starr (Chair)	Health Practitioner	Continuing member
Ms Sally Hampel	Health Practitioner	
Dr Sheryl de Lacey	Health Practitioner	
Ms Melanie Ottaway	Health Practitioner	
Mr Michael Salt	Health Practitioner	
Ms Jennifer Byrne	Health Practitioner	
Ms Meredith Hobbs	Health Practitioner	New member
Ms Paula Medway	Health Practitioner	New member
Ms Eugenia Koussidis	Community Member	Continuing member
Ms Cathy Beaton	Community Member	
Mr Mark Bodycoat	Community Member	

The National Board welcomes new members **Ms Meredith Hobbs**, Health Practitioner and **Ms Paula Medway**, Health Practitioner, to the SA Board of the NMBA. Congratulations to **Associate Prof Linda Starr** for continuing as Chair.

#### TAS Board of the NMBA

Board member name	Member type	Status
Ms Catherine Schofield (Chair)	Health Practitioner	Continuing member
Ms Susan Hughes	Health Practitioner	
Ms Kim Gabriel (Deputy Chair)	Health Practitioner	
Mrs Emma Curnin	Health Practitioner	New member
Ms Carol Baines	Health Practitioner	New member
Mr Paul Brown	Health Practitioner	New member
Dr Kylie McShane	Community	New member
Mr David Paton	Community	New member
Ms Christine Schokman	Community	Continuing member

The National Board welcomes to the Tasmanian Board of the NMBA the following new members:

- **Ms Emma Curnin**, Health Practitioner
- **Ms Carol Baines**, Health Practitioner
- **Mr Paul Brown**, Health Practitioner
- **Dr Kylie McShane**, Community Member, and

- **Mr David Paton**, Community Member.

Congratulations to **Ms Catherine Schofield** for continuing as Chair.

The National Board takes this opportunity to farewell the following members:

- **Ms Elizabeth van der Linde-Keep**, Health Practitioner
- **Dr Helen Courtney-Pratt**, Health Practitioner
- **Prof Andrew Robinson**, Health Practitioner
- **Reverend Douglas Edmonds**, Community Member, and
- **Mrs Robyn Hopcroft**, Community Member.

Thank you for your valuable contribution to the board.

#### Vic Board of the NMBA

Board member name	Member type	Status
Ms Naomi Dobroff (Chair)	Health Practitioner	Continuing member
Ms Kathryn Hough	Health Practitioner	
Ms Leanne Satherley	Health Practitioner	
Mrs Katrina Swire	Health Practitioner	
Ms Deborah Rogers	Health Practitioner	
Ms Leslie Cannold	Community Member	
Ms Virginia Rogers	Community Member	
Ms Maureen Capp	Community Member	New member

The National Board welcomes new member **Ms Maureen Capp**, Community Member, to the Victorian Board of the NMBA. Congratulations to the new Chair, **Ms Naomi Dobroff**.

The National Board takes this opportunity to thank **Mr Gregory Miller** for your valuable contribution as Chair and member of the board.

#### WA Board of the NMBA

Board member name	Member type	Status
Ms Marie-Louise Macdonald (Chair)	Health Practitioner	Continuing member
Professor Selma Allix	Health Practitioner	
Mr Anthony Dolan	Health Practitioner	
Ms Jennifer Wood	Health Practitioner	
Adj Assoc Prof Karen Gullick	Health Practitioner	
Ms Pamela Lewis	Health Practitioner	
Ms Lynn Hudson	Community	
Mr Michael Piu	Community	
Ms Virginia Seymour	Community	

As at 31 July 2014, all members of the WA Board of the NMBA are continuing members. Congratulations to **Ms Marie-Louise Macdonald** for continuing as Chair.

#### Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

The National Board approved for five years the following program of study as providing a qualification for the purposes of registration as a registered nurse:

Education provider	Program	Campus
La Trobe University	Initial Registration For Overseas Nurses – Registered Nurse	Bendigo, VIC

University of Western Australia	Master of Nursing Science	Perth, WA
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The National Board approved for five years the following program of study as providing a qualification for the purposes of registration as an enrolled nurse:

Education provider	Program	Campus
Lawson College	Re-Entry to the Register Enrolled Nurse	Dandenong, Berwick, Ballarat, Wangarat
Lawson College	Entry Program for Internationally Qualified Nurse – Enrolled Nurse	Dandenong, Berwick, Ballarat, Wangarat

The National Board approved the prolongation of accreditation for currently approved nursing programs:

Education provider	Program	Revised expiry date
Chisholm Institute of TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	31 May 2015
Federation Training	Diploma of Nursing	31 January 2015 Campuses: Bairnsdale and Fulham
Federation Training	Diploma of Nursing	1 February 2016 Campuses: Warragul, Gippsland Education Precinct, Leongatha

The National Board approved the following program to be moved into 'inactive' in the midwifery list of approved programs of study (this program is no longer approved for new enrolments):

Education provider	Program	Details
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University of South  
Australia

Midwifery Re-entry  
Program

Expiry date 1 April 2015

The National Board approved the following program to be moved into 'inactive' in the nursing list of approved programs of study (this program is no longer approved for new enrolments):

<b>Education provider</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Details</b>
La Trobe University	Initial Registration For Overseas Nurses – Registered Nurse	Expiry date 30 June 2014
University Of Western Australia	Master Of Nursing Science (Entry To Practice)	Expiry date 30 June 2014

For more detailed information please go to the [approved program of study lists](#) for nursing and midwifery on the National Board website.

**Dr Lynette Cusack, Registered Nurse**  
Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia  
12 August 2014

#### **For more information**

- Keep up to date with regular news and updates on the National Board website [www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au)
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