



APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

October 2021

The APAC Board met on 11 October 2021 via Zoom.

Our post-Board communiqué is designed to give stakeholders a greater insight into the workings of APAC Board meetings.

The meeting began with an Acknowledgment of Country. We had 11 Board members in attendance.

Accreditation business

The Board considered recommendations from the Accreditation Assessment Committee (AAC) on a wide range of matters including cycle and out-of-cycle accreditation reviews, monitoring of accredited programs, annual reports, programs placed into teach out as well as a range of more administrative decisions such as changes to existing program titles. The type and number of determinations made by the Board are shown below. These are reported to the Psychology Board of Australia who will then decide to approve each program for the purpose of registration.

Determinations

Determination type	Number of providers	Number of programs
Accreditation / re-accreditation	2	7
Program monitoring	5	37
Programs in teach out	1	1
Discontinued programs (completely taught out)	4	8
Addition of new program titles	2	3
Additional campus to deliver an accredited program	1	2



Other business

The Board received a report on the work of the Cultural Responsiveness Working Party, formed with colleagues from the Australian Indigenous Psychology Education Project (AIPEP). Among options under consideration are possible amendments to the Evidence Guide.

Directors approved an increase of 1.5 per cent to Accreditation Fees for 2022, noting there had been no increase in 2021. The Board also received a satisfactory auditor's report on the accounts for the 2020—2021 financial year.

The Board heard a report on strategic communications planning and noted the launch of the APAC News bi-monthly newsletter and accompanying Talking APAC podcast series as well as continuing work on a new APAC website.

The Board noted the re-appointment as Director of Professor John Dunn, Professor Mary Katsikitis and Professor Jenni Millbank. The role of Chair of the Board becomes vacant at the annual meeting in November and the Company Secretary called for nominations.

Professor John Dunn
Chair, APAC