



APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

April 2022

The APAC Board met on 11 April 2022 via Zoom and in person

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
Initial accreditation	0	0
Re-accreditation	0	0
Program monitoring	19	131
Programs in teach out	4	8
Discontinued programs (completely taught out)	4	4
Change to accredited program title	3	7
Addition of new program titles	2	2
Additional campus to deliver an accredited program	1	1
Material change assessed at AAC	1	2



Other business

The Board established a working group to draw up principles that would inform potential revision of the Rules for Accreditation.

Professor Romola Bucks reported on progress in drafting guidelines on cultural responsiveness. She indicated that a draft document should be ready to be circulated for consultation in the coming months.

The Board adopted a Major Incidents procedure to cover possible eventualities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic or similar events. It also adopted a COVID-19 Vaccination policy, mandating full vaccination for Board and Committee members and staff.

The Board was pleased to receive a report that indicated that APAC is in a healthy financial position.

Professor Mary Katsikitis and Dr Roger Cook were appointed to the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee for a second term to 10 April 2024.

Professor Justin Kenardy from the University of Queensland was appointed to the Accreditation Assessment Committee to 31 December 2024.

Professor John Dunn
Chair, APAC