



APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

May 2023

The APAC Board met on 29 May 2023 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 nine Board members in attendance.

Accreditation business

The Board considered recommendations from the Accreditation Assessment Committee (AAC) on a wide range of matters including cycle accreditation reviews, monitoring of accredited programs, 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 below. These are reported to the Psychology Board of Australia, which will then decide whether 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	13	153
Programs in teach out	2	3
Discontinued programs (completely taught out)	1	2
Additional campus to deliver an accredited program	1	1
Addition of new program titles	1	1



Other business

The Board discussed the issue of benchmarking between higher education providers and agreed to deepen discussion with key stakeholders in order to assist with a better understanding of how providers might meet the Standards.

Directors were updated on APAC's participation in recent meetings with a range of organisations, including the Australian Indigenous Psychology Education Project (AIPEP); the APS Industry Advisory Group; and the Health Practitioners Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF).

The Chair reported on his participation in the Department of the House of Representatives Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into Australia's tourism and international education sectors.

The focus of the Committee was on what could be done to alleviate employment shortfalls in relevant professions (including but not limited to health care) by utilising overseas students currently studying in Australia.

The Board was informed that APAC continues to be in a healthy financial position and adopted a budget for 2023-24.

Adjunct Professor John Dunn
Chair, APAC