



APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

August 2024

The APAC Board met on 26 August 2024 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 noted that the AAC and the CEO had made determinations under powers delegated to them by the Board. All determinations are reported to the Psychology Board of Australia, which will then decide whether to approve each program for the purpose of registration.

AAC determinations

Determination type	Providers (n)	Programs (n)
Initial accreditation	1	1
Re-accreditation	1	33
Program monitoring	30	572

Administrative decisions

Decision type	Providers (n)	Programs (n)
Programs in teach out	1	1
Discontinued programs (completely taught out)	7	25
Addition of new program titles	2	3
Change of title	1	4



Other business

The Board welcomed a new Director, Professor Andrew Christie, to his first meeting.

Directors discussed a draft update of the APAC Strategic Plan that reflects sharpened priorities and a refresh of APAC's values. This was approved subject to final editing. They also noted the 2024-25 operational plan presented by the CEO.

The Board discussed the potential annual changes to APAC's fee structure, noting the need for a transparent cost recovery and to minimise the impact on the sector.

Directors noted the new PsyBA Competencies for General Registration to frame updates to the new Accreditation Standards during 2025.

The Board approved a new member of the Accreditation Assessment Committee (AAC), Associate Professor Bruce Watt, from Bond University. Welcome!

The Board formalised delegation to the ACC of new program accreditation based on identified risks, subject to cyclical review.

Directors agreed on the terms of reference for a new Stakeholder Reference Group, which will be chaired by the Chair of the APAC Board. APAC will proceed to seek expressions of interest for this crucial committee.

The Board noted with approval APAC's engagement of interns to work on a review of simulation in psychology education, developing APAC budget models, animation of new risk-based framework information and information system design to support the development of a new APAC Information Management System.

Adjunct Professor John Dunn
Chair, APAC