



## Communiqué

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3 November 2017

### October 2017 meeting of the Paramedicine Board of Australia

The Paramedicine Board of Australia (the National Board) met for the first time on Monday 30 October 2017 in Melbourne. The nine members of the Board are Stephen Gough (Chair), Clare Beech, Keith Driscoll, Ian Patrick, Angela Wright, Howard Wren, Carol Bennett, Jeannette Barker and Linda Renouf.

The Chair and members thanked the Ministerial Council for welcoming them to their new roles and for their ongoing support of national registration and accreditation of the paramedicine profession.

The Board acknowledged the challenges and opportunities it will face over the next year as important work is done to prepare the profession for national registration under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

#### Communication

At the meeting, the Board agreed to a detailed communication strategy acknowledging the importance of a widespread plan to ensure that all paramedics and other stakeholders are informed about the progress and requirements of national registration. The Board is pleased to announce that it now has a designated website at [www.paramedicineboard.gov.au](http://www.paramedicineboard.gov.au).

The Board encourages all interested parties to visit the website and have their say on proposals relating to registration, during the public consultation that will occur over the coming months. More information about how to access and comment on proposals and draft standards will be provided on the website. Your input will help shape how national regulation works for the profession from late 2018.

#### Registration standards

The Board agreed to prepare for public consultation on its draft registration standards in December 2017. The **five mandatory registration standards** the Board must set up under the National Scheme are:

- Criminal history
- English language skills
- Continuing professional development
- Recency of practice, and
- Professional indemnity insurance arrangements.

In addition to this work the Board will also develop and consult on proposed grandparenting provisions<sup>1</sup> for paramedic practitioners.

#### Finance

Board members noted that there is work underway to assist them with budgeting and they will be working with AHPRA to determine the application and registration fees that will apply to paramedics.

#### Stephen Gough ASM

Chair

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<sup>1</sup> Alternative pathways to qualify for general registration that are only available for a limited time