



# APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

November 2020

The APAC Board met on November 30th, 2020 via Zoom.

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

Our meeting began with an Acknowledgment of Country and we had eleven 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.

Determination type	Number of providers	Number of programs
Accreditation/ Re-accreditation	7	27
Program monitoring	4	22
Programs in teach out	6	14 #
Change to accredited program title	1	8
Addition of new program titles	3	3
Additional campus to deliver an accredited program	1	1
Extension of accreditation expiry	0	0

#includes 4 discontinued programs (completely taught out)

## Other business

The Board discussed the appointment of new APAC assessors. It was resolved that Dr Emma Little, Professor Andrea Reupert and Professor Peter Terry be offered appointment as APAC assessors for a period of three years from 1 January 2021. In addition, Professor Shirley Morrissey who is stepping down from the AAC, has been appointed as an assessor from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

The Board discussed evidence presented by the Accreditation Manager that many Higher Education Providers had found it challenging to meet Criterion 3.8, of the Standards involving cultural responsiveness. In response, the Board voted to establish a committee of 3 Directors to investigate how best to support education providers to meet this Criterion. The CEO and the Accreditation Manager will also review the evidence guide to investigate if additional information could be incorporated without compromising the integrity of the standards. A proposal will be considered by the Board in 2021.

The Board acknowledged the contribution made by Geoffrey George as the outgoing Chair of FRAC and Director over the past 6 years and appointed Mr Mark Eldridge as Chair of FRAC for 2



years beginning on 1 December 2020.

The next meeting will be held in April 2021.

Professor John Dunn

Chair, APAC