



COMMUNIQUE No. 37

April 2022

The OTC directors met via Zoom on Saturday, 30 April 2022. The following items formed part of the agenda:

After a significant number of years as directors of OTC, the terms for Assoc Prof Adamson, Ms Erven and Ms Laila Hakanson Ware will expire at the end of 2022.

The OTC will be seeking nominations from sponsoring organisations – ANZCOTE and OTA - for new members.

The position for an independent director, pursuant to Clause 22.2.3 of the constitution, will also be advertised with relevant organisations.

Cultural Training

Cultural training, facilitated by Indigenous Allied Health Australia, for directors, staff and assessors, has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

Cultural training, online and via webinar, will be a requirement for all overseas-qualified practitioners to undertake and complete successfully prior to commencing the Stage 2 period of supervised practice. The training modules have been customised for the occupational therapy profession, and process and procedure documentation is in the final stages of development.

Program Accreditation Committee (PAC)

One accreditation has been completed since the beginning of 2022.

Six accreditation site visits remain scheduled for 2022. With the impact of COVID-19, these continue to be managed successfully with education providers via video link.

Overseas Qualification Assessment Committee (OQAC)

OQAC continues to improve its processes and procedures for overseas-qualified practitioners to ensure they are competent to practise independently in the Australian health environment.

A new survey of supervisors is being conducted to identify areas for improvement.

Governance and Strategic Affairs Committee (GSAC)

Risk management receives ongoing attention in the development of processes and procedures to mitigate risks identified by the OTC.

With the impact of COVID affecting meeting arrangements, more frequent topic-specific meetings will be scheduled.

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF)

The meeting of the Forum held on 22 April was attended by Associate Professor Lynne Adamson in person and Mr Kim Bradbury via Zoom.

Occupational Therapy Australia

An article for the August edition of "Connections" will focus on the experience of supervisors aiding and guiding overseas-qualified practitioners through the period of supervised practice.
