



## CHIROPRACTORS AND OSTEOPATHS BOARD OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2009

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#### MAIN ITEMS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

**\*\* Renew Your Registration \*\***  
**\*\* The latest on National Registration \*\***  
**\*\* Know your Act \*\***

#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hello everybody, well here we are in September and the build-up is here. May I remind you that your annual fees are due NOW, so make sure you are registered, so that you are automatically registered when we transfer to the national scheme in July 2010.

ACORB & ACCRB are slowly winding up, as we move towards the new national boards. The national registration board members have been announced, and they are listed on the national website (listed in this newsletter). *Congratulations to the successful applicants.*

This year has been a succession of meetings in regard to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, but the meetings have been necessary to fine tune the draft bills before going to parliament. Consultation meetings with government officials have also been positive, especially in regard to issues brought up by the board chairs in the NT. Surprisingly, we have been listened to and most of our complaints have been addressed. These issues have mainly been in regard to the NT's remoteness, representation on national boards, and the complaints process.

The last ACORB & ACCRB meetings were held in Perth in late August this year, and most of the boards issues have been handed over to the national

boards. We are moving into a new stage of health professions.  
So keep on practicing well and safely.

Kind Regards  
**Karen A Dean**  
Chair

*Thank you to Ms Andrea Walduck for her contribution to the Board as a public member. Andrea recently left after three years on the Board and members wish her well in the future.*

## REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR REGISTRATION!!

**Practising Certificates expire on 30  
September each year.**

**Please note non-receipt of a renewal notice is not an  
acceptable reason for practising unlicensed.**

#### POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

The Board encourages you to read its policies available on the website.

You can keep up to date at anytime by going to the Board's webpage at:

[www.nt.gov.au/health/registrationboards](http://www.nt.gov.au/health/registrationboards)

#### SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING DATES

Please note applications for registration and other information that is to be considered at a Board meeting must be received no less than two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date.

**The remaining meeting date for the year is:  
20 November 2009**

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**NATIONAL REGISTRATION &  
ACCREDITATION SCHEME**

For all the latest and finer details on the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, please go to either of the following websites:

[www.nhwt.gov.au/natreg.asp](http://www.nhwt.gov.au/natreg.asp)

for details related to legislative development and information from the Australian Health Ministers Workforce Council

**AND**

the new website for the  
**Australian Health Practitioner Regulation  
Agency**

(the National Office)  
is available at [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au).

**KNOW YOUR ACT**

Chiropractors and Osteopaths are regulated under the *Health Practitioners Act* (the Act) in the Northern Territory, along with nine other professions.

The purpose of the Act is to ensure public protection. You can get your own copy on the Chiropractors and Osteopaths Board website.  
[www.nt.gov.au/health/registrationboards](http://www.nt.gov.au/health/registrationboards)

**Please contact the Board  
immediately if ....**

1. The details on your Registration card are incorrect
2. You have changed your address
3. You have changed your name
4. You have practised unlicensed

**PRACTICING UNLICENSED**

**Section 101 (1)(b) of the *Health Practitioners Act***

Practising unlicensed is a breach of Section 101 (1)(b) which states – *It is an offence to practise health care if unregistered: A person must not; carry out an act that by or under an Act is required to be carried out by a health practitioner holding a practising certificate, unless he or she*

*is registered or enrolled and holds a practising certificate.*

This can pose a risk to patients and practitioners; may impact on entitlement to Medicare rebates; and may alter indemnification arrangements.

Should you find yourself in this situation, it is in the best interest of your patients, yourself and your employer to rectify the situation immediately.

Please note it is the practitioner's responsibility to ensure that he/she holds current registration. The *Health Practitioners Act* does not have the capacity to provide registration retrospectively.

**REGISTRATION STATISTICS**

As at **30 June 2009** the total number of registrants, compared to the **same time last year**:

<b>Chiropractors</b>	30/6/08	25
	30/6/09	27
<b>Osteopaths</b>	30/6/08	8
	30/6/09	7

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