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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH
PRACTICE COUNCIL OF NSW

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Health Practice Council of NSW*

I am proud to present the 2015 report for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Health Practice Council of NSW. The Council ensures that registered ATSI health practitioners are fit to practise and they are acting in the best interests of the public.

We are also acutely aware of our cultural heritage and responsibilities. In some ways, this informs how we proceed with our regulatory and legislative functions. For instance, the Council manages a range of programs, services and procedures. As a result, members of the public can be assured that registered practitioners maintain appropriate conduct and professional performance.

Over the past year there were no complaints for the ATSI Health Practice Council.

The HPCA again provided the ATSI Health Practice Council with support to perform our regulatory and legislative functions. These professional services allow the Council to fulfil our public protection charter, to ensure ATSI health practitioners practise safely.

I would like to thank all members of Council for their work over the past year. We are all looking forward to the challenges ahead in the coming year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Penrith".

(Ms) Lisa Penrith

President

ATSI Health Practice Council of NSW

REGULATION OF ATSI HEALTH PRACTITIONERS IN 2014/15 YEAR IN SUMMARY

13.8%

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REGISTERED ATSI HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

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Regulation of ATSI Health Practitioners in NSW in 2014/15

Year in summary

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No complaints were received about NSW ATSI Health Practitioners this year which is the same as last year.

Council Membership

Section 41E of the Law prescribes that there are four members of the ATSI Health Practice Council appointed by the Governor.

Members who are registered ATSI Health Practitioners:

- Ms Lisa Penrith - President
- Ms Renee Owen
- Mr Peter Pangquee

Community member:

- Mr Ian Linwood - Deputy President and Legal Member

During the year no new members were appointed and no members retired.

Attendance at Council Meetings

The ATSI Health Practice Council met on three occasions. Attendance at the meetings was as follows:

Member	Meetings Attended	Meetings Eligible to Attend
Ms Lisa Penrith	-	3
Mr Ian Linwood	3	3
Ms Renee Owen	3	3
Mr Peter Pangquee	3	3

Executive Officer

The ATSI Health Practice Council was supported by the Executive Officer, Amanda McEacharn. Isabel Anastasiadis and Brad Skidmore provided Executive Officer support in the absence of Ms McEacharn. The Executive Officer is employed by the HPCA.

Committees of Council

Section 41F of the Law provides that the Council may establish committees to assist it with the exercise of its functions. Members of committees need not be Council members. The ATSI Health Practice Council did not appoint any committees during the reporting period.

Regulatory Committees and Panels

Part 8 of the Law prescribes the committees and panels that support the Council in undertaking its regulatory activities. They include Assessment Committees, Impaired Registrants Panels and Performance Review Panels.

The ATSI Health Practice Council did not establish any of these bodies during the reporting period.

Meetings and Conferences

The ATSI Health Practice Council was not represented at any meetings and conferences during the reporting period.

Overseas Travel

There was no overseas travel during the reporting period.

Council Communications

The ATSI Health Practice Council website is the principal medium used for communicating information to ATSI Health Practitioners, students and the community. The website is kept current and includes links to other key bodies in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

The Council's website is at www.atsihealthpracticecouncil.nsw.gov.au.

Remuneration

Remuneration for members of the Council is as follows:

President	\$720 per meeting of more than 3 hours duration \$360 per meeting of up to 3 hours duration
Deputy President	\$590 per meeting of more than 3 hours duration \$295 per meeting of up to 3 hours duration
Members	\$590 per meeting of more than 3 hours duration \$295 per meeting of up to 3 hours duration

Members of panels and tribunals also receive remuneration and reimbursement of expenses.

Financial Management

The ATSI Health Practice Council's accounts performance as reported in the Financial Statements is as follows.

Accounts Performance 2014/15	\$
Revenue	32,053
Operating expenditure	9,237
Net result	22,816
Net cash reserves (cash and cash equivalents minus current liabilities)	23,485

The ATSI Health Practice Council's budget for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 is as follows.

Budget 2015/16	\$
Operating expenditure	26,193
Revenue	1,806
Net result	(24,387)

Full financial statements are presented in Part 3 of this report 'Financial Statements for NSW Health Professional Councils'.