



**Annual
Report
2015-16**

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

of New South Wales

President's message



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

I am pleased to present the 2016 report for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council of NSW.

This report closes the three year term for the members of NSW's first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council. When the Council issued its first annual report for the period ending 30 June 2013 there were only 21 registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners in NSW. There are now over 100 registered practitioners in NSW. On behalf of the Council I extend my thanks to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia for its efforts in raising the profile of the profession in NSW.

While the Council has not yet managed any complaints in NSW, both the public and our profession should be assured that a sound regulatory framework for managing complaints is in place in NSW.

I would also like to extend my thanks for the contributions of the outgoing Deputy President, Ian Linwood whose input into Council administrative matters and willingness to get across the issues facing our profession was valued amongst our members.

Finally I would like to thank all members of Council for their work over the past year. We are all looking forward to the challenges that may arise during the Council's next term

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

Ms Lisa Penrith

President

ATSI Health Practice Council of NSW

Regulation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners in 2015/16

Overview

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REGISTERED ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH PRACTITIONERS IN NSW

96.3% more than last year in NSW
18.1% of ATSI Health Practitioners in Australia

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NEW COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



Regulation of ATSI Health Practitioners in NSW in 2015/16

Year in summary

As at 30 June 2016 NSW had 106 registered ATSI Health Practitioners representing 18.1% of the 587 ATSI Health Practitioners registered to practise in Australia. There was an increase of almost 96.3% on the 54 ATSI Health Practitioners registered in NSW last year.

During the year the ATSI Health Practice Council of NSW did not receive or manage any complaints, which was the same as the previous 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 Dip Prac Mgt, Cert IV PHC, Cert IV FLM, Cert IV WT&A, AdCert Nursing – President
- Ms Renee Owen Dip Prac Mgt, Cert IV ATSI Health Practice
- Mr Peter Pangquee BAppSc (Aboriginal Community Management and Development)

Legal member:

- Mr Ian Linwood BEc(Syd), LLB(UNSW) – Deputy President

Attendance at Council Meetings

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council did not meet during the reporting period. Administrative matters were dealt with out of session by the Council as needed.

Executive Officer

The ATSI Health Practice Council received Executive Officer support from Mr Brad Skidmore and Ms Sarah Carroll, both 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 year.

Meetings and Conferences

The ATSI Health Practice Council was not represented at any meetings or conferences.

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 updated regularly and includes links to other key bodies in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. Further information is available at www.atsihealthpracticecouncil.nsw.gov.au.

Remuneration

Remuneration available to members of the Council was as follows.

President	\$720 per meeting of more than 3 hours duration \$360 per meeting of up to 3 hours duration
Deputy President and 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 was as follows.

Accounts Performance 2015/16	\$
Revenue*	30,926
Operating expenditure	26,929
Gain/(loss) on disposal/additions	0
Net result	3,997
Net cash reserves (cash and cash equivalents minus current liabilities)	24,693

* Revenue includes a grant of \$26,000 from Ministry of Health.

The ATSI Health Practice Council's budget for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 is as follows.

Budget 2016/17	\$
Revenue	4,064
Operating expenditure	29,330
Net result	(25,266)

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