

## **3rd ANNUAL REPORT of the ARONAH**

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## Chair's Report – 2012/13

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 2012/13 (3rd) Annual Report of the ARONAH.

The work of the board and subcommittees for the financial year 2012/13 have again largely focussed on achieving key goals articulated in our strategic plan. The key focus was on the opening of the ARONAH to members from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013.

To achieve this very significant milestone, an enormous amount of work was required by the educational and practice standards committee members and by board members. These included

- The drafting and ratification of standards, codes, guidelines requirements, and grandparenting documents.
- Extensive consultation of the same and revision based on this consultation.
- Development of board policies on consultation processes, conflict of interest, donations and notifications processes.
- Website and database development

ARONAH continues to receive frequent correspondence from practitioners both domestic and increasingly, international practitioners, wanting to register with ARONAH or be added to our mailing list, from students asking for advice regarding their current or future potential course of study to the public wanting recommendation or referral to well qualified practitioners.

ARONAH received four complaints from the public regarding a practitioner which was referred to their professional associations and state health care complaints commissions as appropriate.

ARONAH also received responses from every Federal, State and Territory Health Minister acknowledging our letter highlighting

- the report - ***The Practice and Regulatory Requirements of Naturopathy and Western Herbal Medicine (2005)*** be brought to the Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council for consideration

- A copy of the report regarding the **regulatory options for unregistered health professionals** also be considered by the AHMAC as a matter of urgent priority.

Due to a call for nominations for the election of 3 practitioner board positions in NSW, QLD and VIC and 3 community members made in June of 2012, the board welcomed Jackie Arbuckle (VIC) and Amie Steel (QLD) as practitioner members and Eloise Archer (SA), John Cooper (QLD) and Karen Malcolm (QLD) as community members. The energy and effort of the new board members has been hugely welcomed and indeed have largely contributed to ARONAH being ready to accept members from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2013.

I would like to thank the board, the subcommittee members and our administrator for their generous provision of the many hours of voluntary work required to keep ARONAH progressing. Again without them ARONAH ceases to function.

Please note, balance sheets and cash flows are available on request.

Angela Doolan

Chair 2012/13

## Values, Vision and Mission of the Board

### Values

Transparency  
Accountability  
Efficiency  
Efficacy  
Fairness

### Vision

\*promoting the safest and highest quality of professional practice.

\* is an informative, user friendly and responsive body for promoting public health and safety, which engenders the confidence of the public, the profession, government and industry.

\*advocates appropriate regulatory reform for naturopathy and western herbal medicine

### Mission

- To promote continuous improvement of professional practice, through education, policy development and outcome evaluation

- To ensure that the broad policy frameworks are aligned to enable the achievement of good professional practice and the protection of public health and safety

- To be actively engaged with the profession, public and government through communication, information exchange and dialogue

- To assure Board integrity through sound decision-making and effective processes

These were ratified on 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2012.

## **Management and Structure**

### **The Board**

#### **Practitioner Members**

##### **Chair –Angela Doolan (NSW and regional rep)**

Naturopath and Western herbalist, past secretary of the ARONAH steering committee, currently full time law student at UNE.

##### **Treasurer September 2012 – June 2013 – Ms Amie Steel (Qld)**

Naturopath and PhD candidate at UTS.

##### **Ms Jackie Arbuckle (Vic)**

Naturopath.

##### **Dr Jason Hawrelak – (Tas)**

Naturopath and Western herbalist at Gould’s Naturopathica, Hobart Tasmania, academic, lecturer, consultant, researcher.

##### **Secretary – June 2012 – Oct 2012 Ms Debra Salleh – (SA)**

Naturopath, nurse, lecturer, past secretary of the Australian Naturopathic Practitioners Association.

##### **Ms Marion Volk – (WA)**

Naturopath, lecturer, recent program manager Endeavour College of Natural Health, Perth.

#### **Community Members**

##### **Secretary- Nov 2012 – current Ms Eloise Archer (SA)**

Law graduate.

##### **Rabbi John Cooper (QLD)**

John has completed postgraduate studies in communal service, psychology, management, mediation and gerontology and is an Honorary Senior Fellow of the University of the Sunshine Coast John also has an Honorary Doctorate from HUC-JIR in USA.

##### **Ms Karen Malcolm (QLD)**

Massage Therapist, medical research scienti.

#### **Administrator**

##### **Dr Jon Wardle (NSW)**

Naturopath, academic, author and lecturer at the University of Technology, Sydney.

Board meetings were held via teleconference on ten occasions in the financial year ending June 30, 2013.

- 19 September 2012
- 17 October 2012
- 14 November 2012
- 24 November 2012
- 16 January 2013
- 27 February 2013
- 20 March 2013
- 17 April 2013
- 15 May 2013
- 19 June 2013

**The directors and administrator attended the meetings as follows**

**Practitioner NSW, Chair:** Angela Doolan 10/10

**Practitioner ACT/NT/Tas:** Jason Hawrelak 0/10

**Practitioner Qld:** Amie Steel 9/10

**Practitioner SA:** Debra Salleh 2/10

**Practitioner WA:** Marion Volk 7/10

**Practitioner Vic:** Jackie Arbuckle 5/10

**Community:** Eloise Archer 9/10

**Community:** John Cooper 9/10

**Community:** Karen Malcolm 6/10

**Administrator:** Jon Wardle 6/10

## **Standards Committees**

### **Educational Standards Subcommittee**

Jane Daley (Chair)(NSW)  
Michelle Boyd (Vice-Chair)(Qld)  
Ayesha Amos (Vic)  
Tessa Finney-Brown (NT)  
Dr Tini Gruner (NSW)  
Dr Tom Harris (Qld)  
Rebecca Hughes (Vic)  
John Miller-Crispe (NSW)  
Professor Stephen Myers (NSW)  
Anita Peirantozzi (Qld)  
Andre Semens (Vic)  
Dawn Whitten (Tas)  
Louise Zylan (Vic)

### **Practice Standards**

Dr Christine Houghton (Chair)  
Yulia Onsman (Vice-Chair) (Tas)  
Dr Barry Draper (Vic)  
Chinthani Gallaga (NSW)  
Judy Jacka (Vic)  
Randa Karson (Qld)  
Vicki Mortimer (NSW)  
Jane Nicholson (SA)  
Robert Provino (NSW)  
Amie Steel (Qld)  
Hannah Richmond (ACT)



## Strategic Plan 2010-2013

The strategic plan involves three key areas:

1. **Framework:** the governing framework that sets direction and guides decision making and achievement of objectives
2. **Management & Structure:** developing an organizational structure that enables the objectives to be achieved while reflecting our values of transparency, accountability and independence
3. **Community Engagement:** Developing processes for engaging with key stakeholders, building awareness of ARONAH's agenda and generating membership interest

### Key

	Milestone Achieved
	Working towards Milestone
	Milestone Extended

Financial Year	2011-2012				2012-2013				
Financial Quarter	AUG-OCT	NOV-JAN	FEB-APR	MAY-JULY	AUG-OCT	NOV-JAN	FEB-APR	MAY-JULY	AUG-OCT
<b>FRAMEWORK</b>									
Develop constitution and By Laws	X								
Ratify constitution and By Laws		X							
Develop terms of reference for educational standards and accreditation guidelines for naturopathic and herbal medicine education	X								
Ratify educational standards and accreditation guidelines for naturopathic and herbal medicine education							X		
Develop terms of reference for practice standards, guidelines and policies for naturopathy and herbal medicine	X								
Ratify practice standards, guidelines and policies for naturopathy and herbal medicine				X			X		
Admit members to the register					X				X

Financial Year	2011-2012				2012-2013				2013
Financial Quarter	AUG-OCT	NOV-JAN	FEB-APR	MAY-JULY	AUG-OCT	NOV-JAN	FEB-APR	MAY-JULY	AUG-OCT
<b>MANAGEMENT AND STRUCTURE</b>									
Appoint subcommittees to exercise board functions (including list members)	X								
Subcommittees to develop transitional grandparenting arrangements for naturopathy and herbal medicine							X		
Subcommittees to develop educational standards and accreditation guidelines for naturopathic and herbal medicine education							X		
Subcommittees to develop practice standards for naturopathy and herbal medicine							X		
Establish a database for members				X					
ARONAH to become an RPO					X				
Formulate ongoing financial plan		X						X	

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Financial Quarter	AUG-OCT	NOV-JAN	FEB-APR	MAY-JULY	AUG-OCT	NOV-JAN	FEB-APR	MAY-JULY	AUG-OCT
<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>									
Develop a stakeholder management plan		X							
Develop a formal complaints referral and communication process							X		
Develop a draft marketing plan							X		
Develop Consultation Procedures		X					X		
Develop advocacy targets to promote improved standards in Naturopathy and Western Herbal Medicine			X						
Prepare submission for National registration process.		X							