



AH&MRC Board Shorts ...& other essential news briefs

December 2014

Dear Members,

Welcome to our final edition of BOARD SHORTS - AH&MRC's news bulletin, keeping you up to date with information from the last Board Meeting 25 & 26 November and other essential news from the final quarter of 2014, including follow up from the AH&MRC AGM and Members Meeting - *What's Goin' On?*

We hope you find it useful and timely. If you require any further information or would like to provide feedback please email us at ahmrc@ahmrc.org.au

With best wishes for the season, on behalf of the AH&MRC Staff and Board of Directors.

Sandra Bailey, CEO

AH&MRC turns 30 in 2015

In 2015 the AH&MRC will be celebrating its 30 year anniversary.

- An Aboriginal artist will be commissioned to design the artwork that will be used to commemorate the year – the EOI can be found at <http://www.ahmrc.org.au/>
- A commemorative publication is planned as a highly significant account from the Aboriginal communities that have initiated, nurtured and sustained the ground breaking and unique model of ACCHS. This publication will also have the potential to increase understanding about the cultural context of Aboriginal health and wellbeing over the past 30 to 40 years.
- We are seeking your input about your ACCHS' living history as this will be the central focus of the publication to be launched later in the year.
- A 30 year portal has been created and you will be able to contribute your photos, histories, 'funny stories', documents, anecdotes, etc will be welcome via email to 30year@ahmrc.org.au
- Funding is currently being sought for activities.
- Further information will be available as it comes to hand – please keep an eye on the AH&MRC website <http://www.ahmrc.org.au/30/index.htm>

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AH&MRC Board Meeting 25 & 26 November

- Role of regional directors was discussed
 - Members can contribute to the agenda through your regional director
 - Feedback can be made via directors also
 - Complaints can be forwarded in writing
 - Provisions in the AH&MRC Constitution relating to the role of Directors were noted
- Governance discussions around the AH&MRC Board Delegations of Authority
- The issue of sitting fees is being raised with Commonwealth Aboriginal Health Forum regarding a Policy on sitting fees to provide consistency across the ACCHS sector
- AH&MRC Ethics Committee Guidelines are available at <http://www.ahmrc.org.au/ethics2.php>
- AH&MRC Organisational Health Check Porta link will be emailed to all members in the new year, any further enquiries, please contact Anthony Carter, Manager Business Development Unit.
- AH&MRC Constitutional Committee will reconvene in 2015 to consider matters raised by the Board and report back.
- NACCHO Members Meeting/AGM 2015 will be held on the Central Coast as per the decision made at the AGM on 13 November. Date & specific details yet to be determined.
- Letters of congratulations have been sent to the new Chairperson Matthew Cooke and Deputy Chairperson, Sandy Davies NACCHO.
- 2013-14 AH&MRC Annual Report has been circulated to members and is also available for download from the AH&MRC Website - [2013-14 AH&MRC Annual Report](#)

AH&MRC Annual General Meeting 27 October 2014

Welcome to new alternate directors nominated to fill vacancies at the AH&MRC Annual General Meeting. They are Annette Taylor for Central Tablelands region; Angela Nye for Far South Coast region and Stephen Blunden for North Coast Region.

CALENDAR 2015

AH&MRC Board Meetings

24-25 February

19-20 May

25-26 August

24-25 November