



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

Mr Lloyd Reed, Dip App Sc (Pod), M Hlth Sc (Pod), Grad Cert (Ed) (Chairperson)

Mr Jason Warnock, Dip App Sc (Chir) (Deputy Chairperson)

Mrs Nerylie Whitecross, Grad Dip Hlth Sc (Hlth Ed), Dip App Sc (Pod)

Mr Trent Johnston, B Hlth Sc (Pod) (Hons), B Sc (HMS)

Mr Ted Howard, OBE, OAM

Ms Gwen Schrieber, M M Hlth, B App Sc (Indig Comm Hlth)

Ms Catherine Rees, B Law, Solicitor

The term of office for the above Members of the Board expires on 29 November 2007.

REGENCY OF PRACTICE

The "Recency of Practice Discussion Paper" was released in February 2005. The Discussion Paper is the first stage in the consultation process. It is the Board's intention that recency of practice, when defined through this consultation process, will be directly linked to the annual renewal of registration. The *Podiatrists Registration Act 2001* requires the Board, when deciding an application for renewal of registration, to have regard to the extent the applicant has satisfied "recency of practice requirements" that have been prescribed under a regulation.

Submissions to the Discussion Paper are to be in writing and submitted to the Board by 29

April 2005. The Discussion Paper is available on the Board's website: www.podiatryboard.qld.gov.au Any enquiries concerning this project should be directed to Mr K Hudson by email: hudsonk@healthregboards.qld.gov.au

USE OF SCHEDULED DRUGS

In 2004 the Board submitted to Queensland Health a proposal to extend the current authority for registered podiatrists to access local anaesthetic substances. The results of a survey of registrants conducted by the Board in 2004 relating to the use of scheduled drugs has also been submitted to Queensland Health in support of the Board's proposal.

Queensland Health shall be conducting reference group meetings representing all stakeholders, including the Board. The first meeting is to be held in late May. Registrants who would like to comment on this issue are encouraged to contact Lloyd Reed on phone: 07 3864 5623 or email: l.reed@qut.edu.au Registrants shall be informed of any changes to the current list of scheduled drugs.

INFECTION CONTROL GUIDELINES

The Australasian Podiatry Council, on behalf of the State and Territory Registration Boards, is currently drafting Infection Control Guidelines based on and involving the collation of pre-existing documents from

State and Territory Registration Boards, State and Federal Health Department Guidelines and Standards Australia.

Once the draft guidelines are formulated, consultation with the State Registration Boards will commence to finalise the document. It is anticipated that the draft Guideline shall be ratified at the Joint Meeting of

Podiatrists Registration Boards to be held in August 2005.

BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Registrants are reminded to comply with the following Best Practice Guidelines:

Infection Control Guidelines:
www.health.gov.au/nhmrc/publications/pdf/ic6.pdf

Orthotic Therapy Protocols:
www.apodc.com.au/apodc/orthotic.pdf

Type 1 and 2 Diabetes:
www.health.qld.gov.au/publications/best_practice

Australian Standard AS/NZS 4187: *Code of practice for cleaning, disinfecting and sterilising reusable medical and surgical instruments and equipment, and maintenance of associated environments in health care facilities:*
www.standards.com.au

NUMBER OF REGISTERED REGISTRANTS

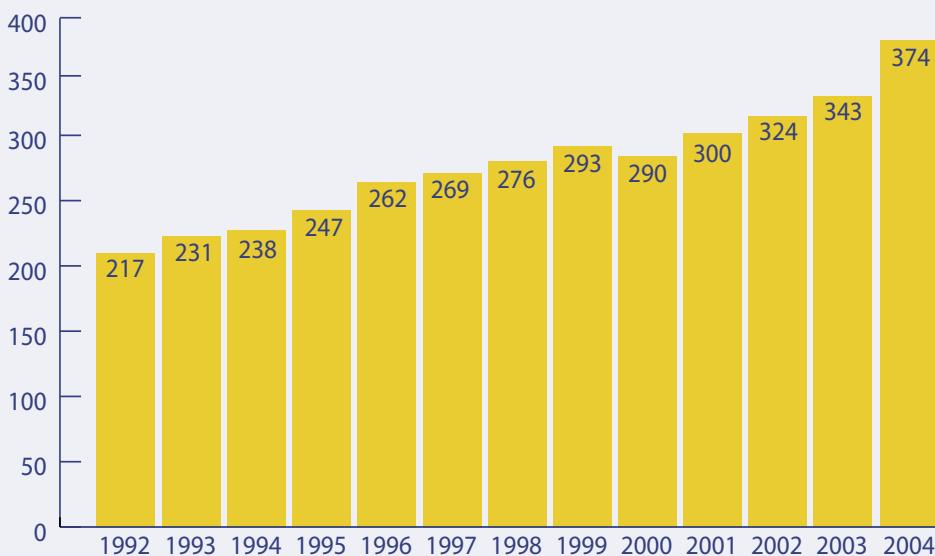
As at 30 June 2004, there were 374 registered podiatrists, of these 42% were male and 58% female.

Geographical Distribution of Queensland Registrants

- 79% of registrants gave their addresses on the Register as within

South East Queensland (postcodes 4000 to 4571) comprising 45% within Brisbane and 34% elsewhere in South East Queensland.

- 14% of registrants had Queensland addresses outside of South East Queensland.
- 7% of registrants had addresses outside of Queensland.



FOOT CARE / PODIATRY ASSISTANTS

A committee of the Board comprising Jason Warnock and Trent Johnston is monitoring developments relating to the use of foot care/podiatry assistants in public sector settings. The Board welcomes comments and information about this issue and encourages registrants to contact Trent Johnston on phone: 07 4799 9500 or email: Trent_Johnston@health.qld.gov.au

GUIDELINES FOR STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

The objects of the Board under the *Podiatrists Registration Act 2001* are:



- a. to protect the public by ensuring health care is delivered by registrants in a professional, safe and competent way; and
- b. to uphold the standards of practice within the profession; and
- c. to maintain public confidence in the profession.

To achieve these objects, the Board is formulating Draft Guidelines for Standards of Practice which will provide guidance to registrants relating to the practice of podiatry. When the draft guidelines are formulated, the Board shall consult with various stakeholders before they are adopted by the Board and distributed to registrants.

INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS UNDER THE HEALTH PRACTITIONERS (PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS) ACT 1999 DURING 2003-2004

Investigations Conducted

Investigations open at the beginning of the reporting year	4
Investigations commenced in the reporting year	0
Investigations closed in the reporting year	1
Ongoing investigations	3

Nature of Investigations Conducted

Nature of Investigations Conducted	Number
Standard of care	3
Unprofessional/unethical action	1

Disciplinary Proceedings

The Board commenced and finalised disciplinary proceedings by correspondence in relation to a former registrant who had misappropriated funds from an employer. The Board determined that if the practitioner had still been registered he would have been reprimanded.

ADVERTISING

Registrants are reminded that all advertising of a professional service must comply with the advertising provisions of the *Podiatrists Registration Act 2001*. A copy of the Act is available on the website: www.legislation.qld.gov.au If registrants are unsure whether their advertising complies with the Act, they should seek their own legal advice.

RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

Registrants are required to apply for renewal of registration prior to 30 June each year by completing the Application for Renewal of Registration Form and paying

the prescribed fee. The renewal of registration fee for 2005-2006 has been increased by CPI from \$181.00 to \$186.00. The notice is also available on the Board's website: www.podiatryboard.qld.gov.au

REMINDER: Registrants must complete the mandatory disclosure on the renewal of registration form stating whether they suffer from any ongoing medical condition, of which they are aware, or know or ought reasonably to know adversely affects their ability to competently and safely practise the profession. If such a condition is notified to the Board, registration is renewed, but the Board may deal with the matter under Part 7 of the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*.

IMPLICATION OF PRACTISING WITHOUT REGISTRATION

A podiatrist who fails to pay the renewal fee and continues to practise is, in accordance with the legislation, "holding out" and/or "claiming" to be a podiatrist and therefore is in breach of section 121 of the *Podiatrists Registration Act 2001*. Section 121 relates to the use of a "restricted title".

The title "Podiatrist" is a restricted title under the Act and a person



must be registered to use the title.

If a person does use a restricted title without being registered, they are in breach of section 121 of the Act and, if prosecuted, a maximum penalty of \$75,000 may be imposed.

MOVING INTERSTATE OR TO NEW ZEALAND

If you are intending to practise in another State, Territory or in New Zealand, please contact the relevant Board for details on applying for registration under the Mutual Recognition or the Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition arrangements.

Podiatrists Registration Board of New South Wales

Phone: 02 9219 0277
www.podreg.health.nsw.gov.au

Podiatrists Registration Board of Victoria

Phone: 03 9286 1888
www.podboardvic.vic.gov.au

Podiatrists Board of Australian Capital Territory

Phone: 02 6205 1634

The Chiropodist Board of South Australia

Phone: 08 8443 9669
www.pbsa.sboards.com.au

Podiatrists Registration Board of Western Australia

Phone: 08 9481 0977

Podiatrists Registration Board of Tasmania

Phone: 03 6233 2075

Podiatrists Board of New Zealand

Phone: 64 4 499 7979
www.podiatristsboard.org.nz



OFFICE CONTACTS

The Office of Health Practitioner Registration Boards (OHPRB) is open to the public between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday and is located at:

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