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Queensland registration board members join national board



The Physiotherapists Board of Queensland extended its congratulations to Ms Kathy Grudzinskas who was appointed as practitioner member from Queensland and Dr Susan Brady who was appointed as a community member to the Physiotherapy Board of Australia.

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council announced the appointment of 108 inaugural members of ten national boards for the new National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions which commences on 1 July 2010.

In making the appointments, the Council decided the Physiotherapy Board of Australia would be one of six boards expanded to include a practitioner member from each of the eight States and Territories.

Ms Grudzinskas is one of 72 practitioner members to join a national Board and one of 66 people who are currently members of a State and Territory Board. She is the Director, Physiotherapy Services at Princess Alexandra Hospital where she manages 70 staff in a tertiary teaching hospital of 700 beds and a budget in excess of \$4 million after previous physiotherapy roles at Princess Alexandra and QEII hospitals, with Blue Nurses and Mater Hospital, Brisbane and in South Australia.

Ms Grudzinskas is Deputy Chair of the Physiotherapists Board of Queensland, a position she has held since 2001. Her past contributions include Australian Physiotherapy Association nominee to the Accreditation Committee of ACOPRA (now known as the Australian Physiotherapy Council), national and state chairperson of the Queensland National Physiotherapists in Leadership and Management Group and secretary to the National Physiotherapists in Leadership and Management Group.

Dr Brady is one of 36 community members to join a national Board and one of 34 currently on State and Territory registration boards, being a public member of the Osteopaths Board of Queensland.

With training in dispute management, clinical ethics and project management, Dr Brady has worked for organisations including Disability Services (Queensland), The University of Queensland, Department of Families Youth and Community Care and the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (Victoria).

The Board also congratulated Chris O'Brien, a public member of the Physiotherapists Board of Queensland, who has been appointed as a community member on the Psychology Board of Australia.

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