

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2005

WE ARE MOVING!!

The Physiotherapists Registration Board is moving to a new address at:

Level 2, 24 Murray Street Hobart.

Effective from **6 June 2005**.

The postal address will change to:

GPO Box 792 Hobart 7001

Other contacts are unchanged:

Phone 6224 9331 and

Fax 6224 9700

Email physio@regboardstas.com

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The Board membership consists of three physiotherapists and two consumer representatives.

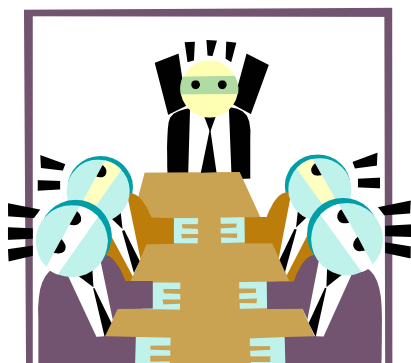
Dennis Holzberger – Physiotherapist & Chairman

Julia Drew – Physiotherapist

Janet Millner – Physiotherapist

Peter Lloyd – Consumer Representative

Margaret Murray – Consumer Representative



Both Dennis Holzberger and Peter Lloyd are shortly to retire from the Board as they have served the maximum of two consecutive terms permitted under the Act. Advertisements seeking nominations to fill the vacancies created by their retirement have been published.

VISITING PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

The Physiotherapists Registration Act 1999 requires that all persons practising physiotherapy in Tasmania must be registered.

All physiotherapists visiting Tasmania with sporting teams, or providing or attending lectures or conferences with hands-on components, etc. need to register with the Tasmanian Physiotherapists' Registration Board.

The Board grants limited registration to visiting physiotherapists on receipt of a completed application form, provided that the physiotherapist would normally be eligible for registration in Tasmania. No registration fee is payable. The Board does not provide a Certificate of Registration, however all applications will be acknowledged.

Limitations:

Physiotherapists travelling with visiting sporting team are only permitted to treat members of that team. Physiotherapists attending a course or seminar are only permitted to apply treatments for the purposes of demonstrating or learning a technique. **This form of registration is not available for physiotherapists acting as locums or for other short term appointments where practitioners may be treating a number of patients.**

Registration forms for visiting physiotherapists can be downloaded from the Board website at www.physioboard.tas.gov.au

Travelling Interstate

If Tasmanian registered Physiotherapists are visiting another State with a sporting team or to attend a hands-on course, they should check with the registration Board in that State to ensure that they comply with local registration conditions.

TEMPORARY REGISTRATION

The Board has instituted a system of temporary registration for overseas qualified physiotherapists who are able to gain restricted registration in Tasmania for up to 12 months without having to sit the AECOP examination. Full details of the eligibility requirement for this form of registration are available from the Board's website:

www.physioboard.tas.gov.au/info/register

The Board has produced guidelines for the requirements for supervision of physiotherapists who have received temporary registration. These supervision requirements are reproduced below for the information of all registrants.

Supervision Arrangements for Overseas Trained Physiotherapists Granted Temporary Registration

The Employer

Employer may include hospital physiotherapy departments, private practices, government or non-government agencies. The employer is the host facility and temporary registration is only granted to the overseas trained physiotherapist (OTP) to work in an approved host facility. Such approval is not transferable. Application to transfer or vary supervision arrangements must be made by way of a new application.



The Employer's obligations are as follows:

The host must make a written application to the Physiotherapists Registration Board of Tasmania for approval for supervision arrangements.

The name of the overseas applicant, qualification, country qualified and period of employment must be provided. The application must also include the names and signatures of two physiotherapy supervisors who agree to act as supervisors to the applicant.

Each host facility must have two registered physiotherapists on staff who can support/supervise the Overseas Trained Physiotherapist (OTP). Ideally at least one of these physiotherapists should be able to show that they have had supervisory experience in clinical practice in Australia within the previous five years. The Board will only give exemptions after assessment.

In the event that both registered physiotherapists are unable to supervise the applicant the host needs to contact the Board immediately. If there are no other registered physiotherapists on site that would be able to supervise the applicant then the applicant must cease working immediately until at least one other suitable registered physiotherapist can take on the role of supervision.

The Board must be notified of any change of supervision.

The applicant must have direct access (on site) to either of the supervisor physiotherapist(s) for at least 75% of the time that they are required to work. When there is no direct access (ie up to 25% of the time) there needs to be defined procedures for contacting the supervising physiotherapist(s).

Host support structure should include support/supervision, in-service training, and quality improvement activities. The host must ensure that the OTP holds valid professional indemnity insurance to the value of \$10 million unless they are employed in the Public Health System or other Government Department.

The Board requires a minimum of one months notice of application for approval of supervision arrangements. The host must receive approval from the Board before proceeding with employment. The period of employment depends on the applicant's visa, 3 months for working holiday visa and up to 12 months for other temporary visas.

Registration for any period greater than 12 months will require the overseas applicant to complete the AECOP exam. A separate application is required for each overseas applicant. The Board has the power to withdraw the temporary registration should there be concerns from the host regarding the OTP's competency.

CHANGES TO THE REGISTER

The following physiotherapists were removed from the register at their request

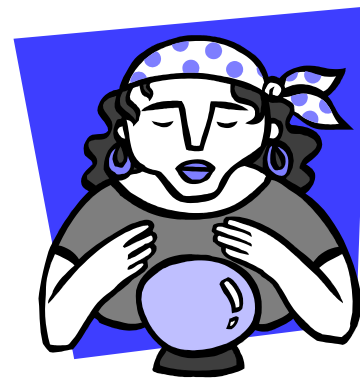
1404	Breust, Belinda
1471	Buttsworth, Michael Gregory
1363	Clarke, Kathryn M
1400	Davies, Glenys
423	Eldridge, Jean S
1390	Gatehouse, Paul
1151	Hetherington, Rosemary
1425	Hing, Jessica
382	Johnstone, Maureen A
1462	Lunt, Dianne Marie
1472	McDavitt Louise K
1397	Watson, Briony Madelaine
731	Venner, Helen
1461	Watson, Michelle H

The following physiotherapists were removed from the register on 2 March 2005 for non-payment of fees.

1372	Belton, Matthew James
1475	Bourke, Malia S
1368	Brown, Michael R
1448	Bryceson, Anna
1485	Cameron, Alison M
1223	Curry, Nicholas P
1446	Dodds, Michael J
1250	Draper, Gary S
1278	Hobbs, Jeremy
1495	Jenkins, Elisa M
1358	Jonas, Lisa M
1479	Lawson, Michelle D
1493	Merrin, Melissa I
1429	Millar, Stuart D
1105	Morris, Timothy
1447	Rogers, Joanne
1439	Suri, Michelle
1491	Thompson, Karen J
1496	Trottier, Veronique
1374	Truong, Anthony
1445	Waddell, Jillian
1444	Willett, Matthew K
1423	Williams, Jill
1497	Williams, Kimberley M
1465	Wills, Samuel J

CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS

Every year the Board is contacted by physiotherapists who have not received their registration renewal notice because they have failed to notify the Board of a change of address. All physiotherapists are reminded that it is a requirement under Section 30 of the Physiotherapists Registration Act that they notify the Board of any changes in their contact address **within 14 days**. Failure to notify the Board is an offence under the Act.



Physiotherapists should also be aware that the contact (mailing) address given to the Board is included in the Register of Physiotherapists, which is a public document. Registrants who wish to have their home address remain confidential should ensure that the contact address given to the Board is a business address.

REPORTING OF ERRORS TO THE BOARD

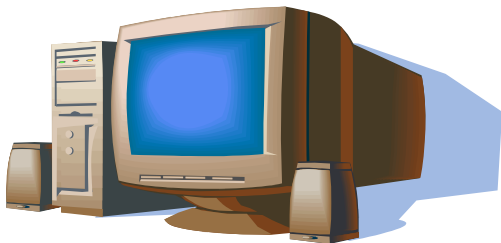
Any civil claims for damages against a physiotherapist for negligence in his or her practice as a physiotherapist must be reported to the Board within 14 days. Physiotherapists are reminded that this is a legal requirement, as detailed in Section 61 of the Physiotherapists Registration Act 1999. Failure to report a claim for damages may be grounds for disciplinary proceedings.

WEBSITE

Don't forget the Board has a website at www.physioboard.tas.gov.au to assist in communication with physiotherapists and the public.

Access is provided to the following documents:

- Registration procedures and application forms
- Board policy documents
- Newsletters
- Legislation



The website also has links to interstate registration boards, ACOPRA and the government legislation unit.

Suggestions for additional information that could be included on the website are welcome.

GREG LUCKMAN
REGISTRAR