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Dental Board of Qld members join national board



The Dental Board of Queensland extended its congratulations to Jennifer Bishop, appointed as a practitioner member (dental therapist) from Queensland, and Myra Pincott, appointed as a community member, to the Dental 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 Dental Board of Australia would be one of six boards expanded to include a practitioner member from each of the eight States and Territories. Ministers also decided that the practitioner members of the Dental Board of Australia would comprise five dentists, one dental therapist, one dental hygienist and one dental prosthetist.

Mrs Bishop is one of 72 practitioner members to join a national Board and one of 66 members currently on a State Board. She was appointed to the Dental Board of Queensland in 2003 as its first dental therapist member. Mrs Bishop has 28 years of practice as a dental therapist and became a dental hygienist in 2000, maintaining clinical practice in dental therapy and dental hygiene/oral health therapy.

She has held posts as Executive Member, Vice-President and President of the Dental and Oral Health Therapist Association of Queensland, is a member of the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapist Association and the Dental Hygienist Association of Australia (Queensland Branch) and has taught in Queensland Health's *Certificate in School Dental Therapy* and University of Queensland's Bachelor of Oral Health program.

Mrs Pincott is one of 36 community members to join a national Board and one of 34 currently on State and Territory registration boards. She has been a member of the Dental Board of Queensland since 2007.

Mrs Pincott has also contributed to the Energy Ombudsman Consumer Council, Seniors Council, Health Quality and Complaints Commission Consumer Council, the Queensland Nursing Council Professional Conduct Tribunal, Queensland Health's Patient Safety Advisory Council and the Physician Assistant Scheme Steering Committee.

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