



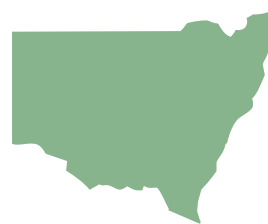
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Annual Report 2018-19

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President's Message



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I am pleased to present the Chiropractic Council of New South Wales 2018/19 Annual Report.

2018/19 has been a busy year for the Council with a higher number of complaints about NSW Chiropractors than the previous year. National Law breaches and offences together account for the greatest percentage of complaints followed by clinical care.

Council continues to work closely with all stakeholders to ensure that chiropractic advertising and public profiles comply with the expectations of the National Board and AHPRA. The Council remains committed to building a strong relationship with all NSW Chiropractors and has been active in presenting information on complaint handling and the overall obligations of the Council in the regulatory environment.

The Council has also been committed to informing students about the registration process and issues in the regulatory space, including complying with the national standards, the Board's Code of Conduct and understanding their responsibilities with mandatory reporting.

Councillors themselves are mindful of undertaking professional development in the regulatory context with some attending the NRAS Combined Meeting which featured a research summit focusing on regulatory effectiveness, a current area of research.

In addition, Council has monitored and reported on the latest developments in international health practitioner regulation by participating in the *11th Annual Forum of the International Chiropractic Regulatory Society* held in Berlin, Germany in early 2019.

In June 2019, the Council shared regulatory data in its submission to the review of the practice of spinal manipulation on children under 12 conducted by Safer Care Victoria.

In relation to new Council positions, Mr Matthew Seisun was appointed as the Legal Member of Council in September 2018 and has made a valued contribution to the work of the Council.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Council members for their work over the last year. All our members have busy professional lives and must be recognised for their careful consideration of often complex matters.

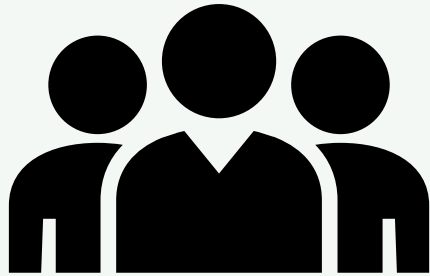
Finally I must thank the Executive Officers and the staff of the Health Professional Councils Authority (HPCA) for their diligence and hard work throughout the year. Without them it would not be possible for the Council to undertake its work to protect the public.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne K Minter".

Dr Wayne Minter AM
President
Chiropractic Council of New South Wales

2018-19 Summary

CHIROPRACTORS



1,840

Registered chiropractors in NSW

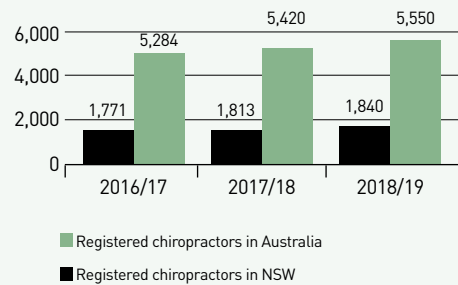
33%

of Australian chiropractors practise in NSW

3%

of NSW chiropractors had complaints made about them

3 year trend in number of registered chiropractors



COMPLAINTS ABOUT CHIROPRACTORS



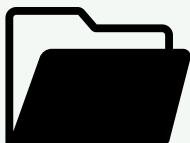
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cases were open at the beginning of the year



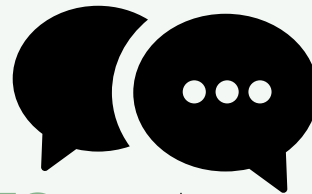
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cases were closed during the year



23

cases were open at the end of the year



58

complaints were received about 51 chiropractors in 2018/19

5

of the complaints received were mandatory notifications about 5 practitioners

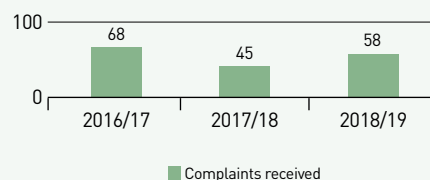
Complaints were mainly from:

Patient - **17**
Member of the public - **11**

Complaints were mainly about:

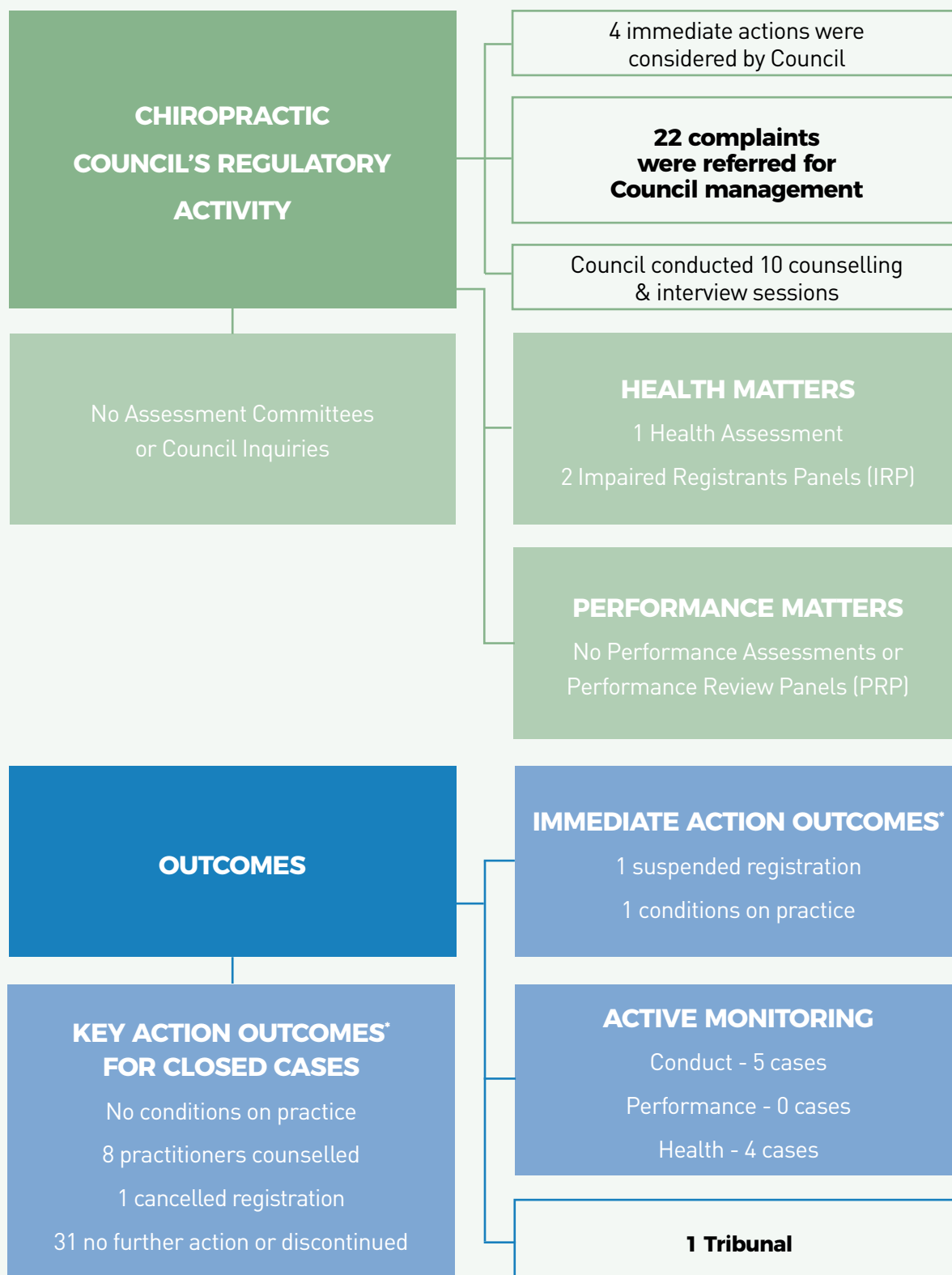
National Law breach or offence - **24**
Clinical care - **14**

3 year trend in number of complaints about chiropractors



2018-19 Summary

CHIROPRACTIC COUNCIL'S REGULATORY ACTIVITY - MATTERS CONCLUDED



*Not all outcomes are included and a complaint may have more than one outcome

Council Members

Four members sit on the Chiropractic Council as set out in the National Law.

Council members are nominated by the Minister for Health and appointed by the Governor.

Registered Chiropractic practitioner members:

- Dr Wayne Minter AM, BEc, BAppSc (Chiro), PG Dip, (NMS Rehabilitation), FICC
- Dr Lawrence Whitman BSc, DC Chiro
- Dr Christopher Burrell BSc, LLB, MChiro, MRes

Legal member:

- Mr Matthew Seisun B App Sc (Chiro), LLB

The Governor appointed Dr Wayne Minter AM as President of the Chiropractic Council.

The Governor appointed Dr Lawrence Whitman as Deputy President of the Chiropractic Council.

Executive Officer

Mrs Maricel O'Farrell is the Executive Officer for the Chiropractic Council. Ms Heather Comino has been providing Executive Officer support to the Council since April 2019 while Mrs O'Farrell is on leave.

The Executive Officer is part of a team of 11 led by Ms Farina Bains. This team works with 11 of the health professional Councils.

All staff working both directly and indirectly with the Council are employed by the HPCA as an executive agency of the Ministry of Health. Councils cannot employ staff under the National Law.

Council Meeting Attendance

The Chiropractic Council met 11 times during the year.

Table i: Member attendance at Council meetings, eligibility to attend and term of office

Member	Meetings Attended	Meetings Eligible to Attend	Date first appointed	Current Term of Office*
President Dr Wayne Minter AM	10	11	1 July 2017	1 July 2017 – 20 June 2020
Deputy President Dr Lawrence Whitman	8	11	6 March 2013	1 July 2018 – 30 June 2021
Dr Christopher Burrell	11	11	1 July 2018	1 July 2018 – 30 June 2021
Mr Matthew Seisun	8	9	29 August 2018	29 August 2018 – 30 June 2021

* Council members are appointed for a term up to three years and may be reappointed up to a maximum of nine years.

Regulatory Committees and Panels

The National Law sets out the committees and panels that assist the Council to undertake its regulatory activities.

Regulatory committees and panels include:

- Impaired Registrants Panels (IRP)
- Performance Review Panels (PRP)
- Assessment Committee

The Chiropractic Council appointed three Impaired Registrants Panels during the year.

Table ii: Regulatory Committee and Panel Membership

Impaired Registrants Panel
Chair Dr Karen Arnold
Council Members N/A
Non Council Members Dr Julie Uren

Council Committees

Councils may establish committees to assist with Council functions. Committee members are not necessarily Council members.

The Chiropractic Council did not appoint any committees this year.

Meetings and Events

The Chiropractic Council was represented at the following meetings and events during the year.

Table iii: Chiropractic Council representation at meetings and events

Name of Meeting / Event	Attended By
Australian Chiropractic Association (NSW) - meeting	Dr Wayne Minter AM - President
International Chiropractic Regulatory Society - meeting	Dr Wayne Minter AM - President
NSW Chiropractors Association of Australia - AGM	Dr Lawrence Whitman - Deputy President
Safer Care Victoria review - spinal manipulation on children	Dr Wayne Minter AM - President

Council Communications and Stakeholder Engagement

The Chiropractic Council website provides easy access to information about the Council and its work, publications, the complaints process and an online complaint form.

As part of the engagement plan for the Chiropractic Council and the National Board, Dr Wayne Minter attended the Chiropractic Board of Australia's education forum in July 2018.

Other stakeholder engagement activities:

- Dr Wayne Minter attended:
 - the joint National Board Chairs and NSW Council President meeting in November 2018
 - the consultation process on Tranche 2 Amendments to the National Law in October 2018.

- Dr Lawrence Whitman provided:
 - a submission on behalf of the Council to the *Safer Care Review of Spinal Manipulation of Children*

Overseas Travel

The Chiropractic Council did not incur any overseas travel costs during the year.

Remuneration

Remuneration for Council members aligns with the Public Service Commission Remuneration Framework for NSW Government Boards and Committees. Council members receive additional payment for interviews, counselling sessions, immediate action inquiries, Council Inquiries and panels. No additional payments are made for other regulatory work such as official visits, committee meetings, training, conferences or preparation for meetings.

Council members are reimbursed for expenses when travelling on official business at Council direction.

Chiropractic Council member remuneration rates are as follows.

President	\$4,465 per annum
Deputy President	\$4,214 per annum
Council Members	\$3,665 per annum

Education and Research Account

The Chiropractic Council maintains an Education and Research account. This can be used to fund activities that promote better understanding of professional standards and compliance, issues that lead to complaints and how complaints are managed. The account may also be used to fund research activity including Council specific initiatives and collaborative projects.

There was no expenditure from the Education and Research account this year.

Financial Management

The Chiropractic Council's accounts performance was reported in the Financial Statement as follows.

Accounts Performance 2018/19	\$
Revenue	430,904
Operating expenditure	316,303
Gain / (loss) on disposal	[4]
Net result	114,597
Net cash reserves* (cash and cash equivalents minus current liabilities)	973,400

* Included in the cash reserves is an Education and Research bank account balance of \$19,078.

The Chiropractic Council's budget for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 is as follows.

Budget 2019/20	\$
Revenue	431,668
Operating expenditure	416,080
Net result	15,588

Full financial statements are presented in Part 3 of this report '*Financial Statements for NSW Health Professional Councils*'.