



Medical Radiation Practice Council of NSW

Annual Report 2018-19

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President's Message



**Medical
Radiation
Practice
Council**
of NSW

On behalf of the Medical Radiation Practice Council of New South Wales (Council) I am pleased to submit the Council's Annual Report for 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

The past financial year has seen a number of achievements for the Council that I would like to highlight:

- The Council continues to efficiently perform the core function of regulation, which has enabled us to freeze the fees in NSW for 2019.
- The Council continues to contribute to inter-council research and education and liaison with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. This included a presentation by the Medical Radiation Practice Council team at a National Board regulatory conference in Sydney in November 2018 on the role of the Medical Radiation Practice Council in NSW in a co-regulatory environment.
- The Council has been involved in development and implementation of the joint Councils and HPCA three year strategic plan. Engagement with stakeholders remains a strategic priority. Scheduling of presentations to university students to outline the work of the Council in NSW is underway as part of this. An education and engagement opportunity with profession specific conferences to facilitate communication regarding the role of the Council has also been planned. This supports learning and development of the Medical Radiation Practice workforce, and provides an avenue for open dialogue around regulatory messages.

I would like to thank the Health Professional Councils Authority for its assistance and support throughout the year. This has enabled the Council to perform its regulatory and legislative functions and to fulfil its core role of protecting the public. The Council looks forward to a productive year ahead working collaboratively with the Health Care Complaints Commission in a co-regulatory environment.

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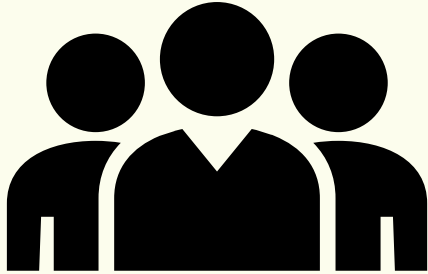
Ms Tracy Vitucci

President

Medical Radiation Practice Council of New South Wales

Medical Radiation Practice Council
2018-19 Summary

MEDICAL RADIATION PRACTITIONERS

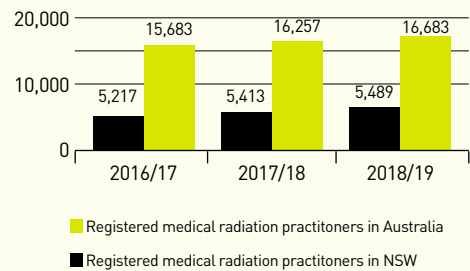


5,489
 Registered medical radiation practitioners in NSW

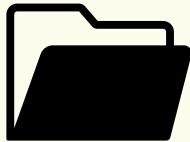
33%
 of Australian medical radiation practitioners practise in NSW

0.4%
 of NSW medical radiation practitioners had complaints made about them

3 year trend in number of registered medical radiation practitioners



COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEDICAL RADIATION PRACTITIONERS



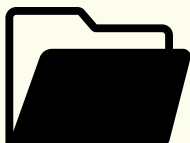
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cases were open at the beginning of the year



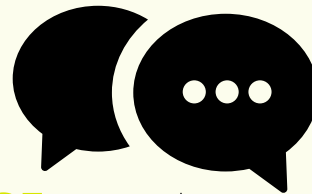
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cases were closed during the year



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cases were open at the end of the year



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complaints were received about 20 medical radiation practitioners in 2018/19

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of the complaints received were mandatory notifications about 6 practitioners

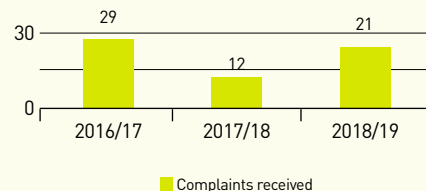
Complaints were mainly from:

- Patients - **5**
- Employers - **5**
- Other practitioners - **4**

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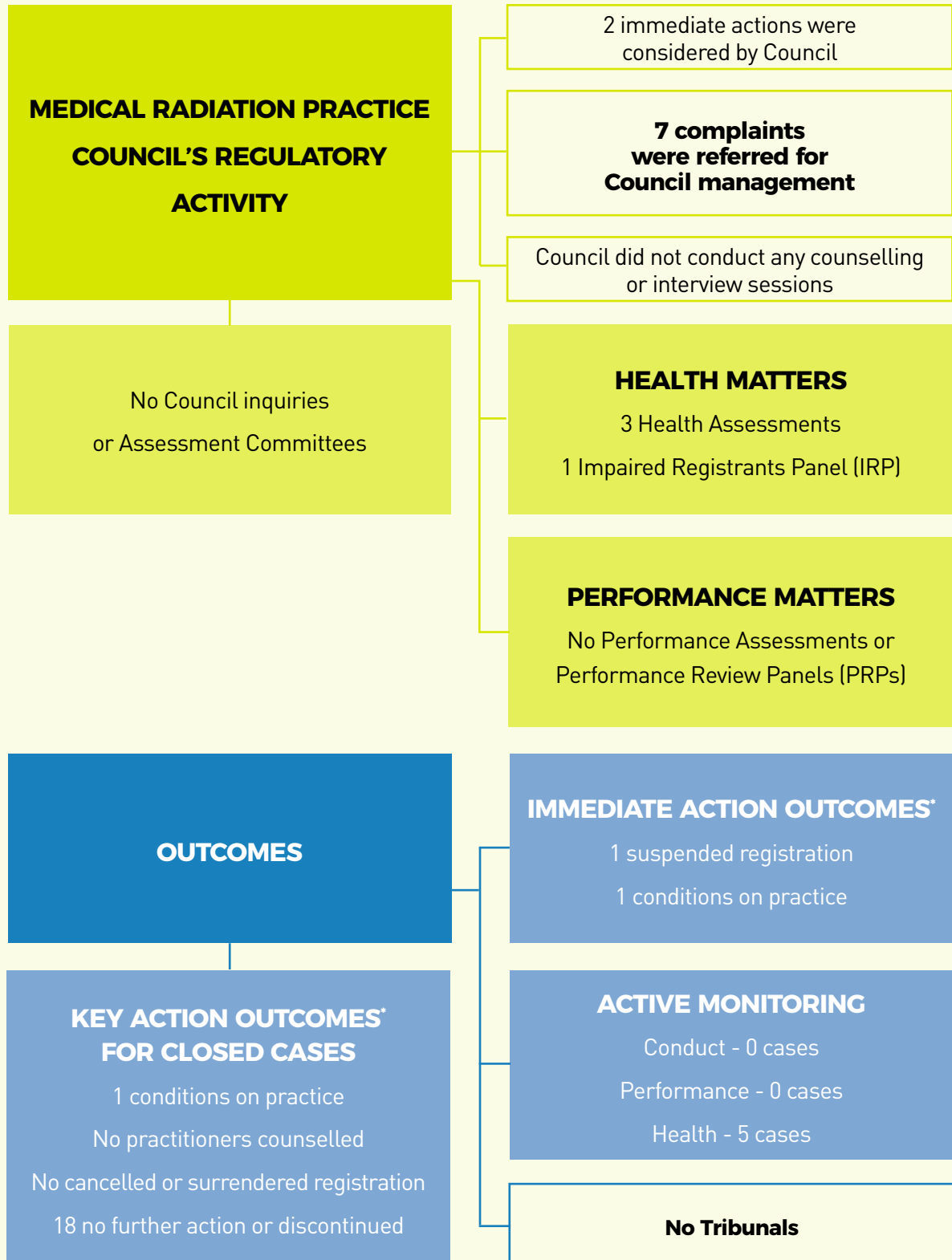
- Clinical care - **4**
- Health impairment - **4**
- Behaviour - **4**

3 year trend in number of complaints about medical radiation practitioners



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MEDICAL RADIATION PRACTICE COUNCIL'S REGULATORY ACTIVITY
- MATTERS CONCLUDED



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

Council Members

Six members sit on the Medical Radiation Practice Council as set out in the National Law.

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

Registered Medical Radiation Practice practitioner members:

- Ms Tracy Vitucci MBA, MHSM, BAppSc (MedImaging), DMU, GradDipUltrasound, FIR, AF, ACHSM
- Dr Karen Jovanovic HScD, MMedSc, GradDipClinEpid, DCR (T)
- Ms Nadine Thompson BAppSc (MRS) DR Hons I, MEd, MHM, GradCert ClinEd, Cert3 Customer Contact, FASMIRT
- Ms Justine Trpezanovski MPH, MHM, BAppSc (MRS - Nuc Med)

Legal member:

- Mr Greg Ross LLB

Community members:

- Mr Warren Stretton FAICD, FCPA, FCIS, FGIA, FTI, FAMI, CPM

The Governor appointed Ms Tracy Vitucci as President of the Medical Radiation Practice Council.

The Governor appointed Dr Karen Jovanovic as Deputy President of the Medical Radiation Practice Council.

Executive Officer

Ms Asha Mears is the Executive Officer for the Medical Radiation Practice Council.

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 Medical Radiation Practice Council met ten 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 Tracy Vitucci	10	10	1 July 2012	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021
Deputy President Karen Jovanovic	10	10	1 July 2012	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021
Greg Ross	9	10	1 July 2018	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021
Warren Stretton	10	10	1 July 2012	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021
Nadine Thompson	7	10	1 July 2018	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021
Justine Trpezanovski	9	10	1 July 2017	1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020

* 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 Committees

The Medical Radiation Practice Council appointed one Impaired Registrants Panel during the year.

Table ii: Regulatory Committee Membership

Impaired Registrants Panel
Chair Dr Karen Arnold
Council Members N/A
Non Council Members Mr Robert Lin

Council Committees

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

The Medical Radiation Practice Council did not appoint any committees during the year.

Meetings and Events

The Medical Radiation Practice Council was represented at the following meetings and events during the year.

Table iii: Medical Radiation Practice Council representation at meetings and events

Name of Meeting / Event	Attended By
Rural Alliance in Nuclear Scintigraphy (RAINS) - Conference	Justine Trpezanovski – Council Member
Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia - Regulation and Practice Conference	Tracy Vitucci – President
Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Conference (ASMIRT) - Conference	Tracy Vitucci – President Karen Jovanovic – Deputy President Nadine Thompson – Council Member Justine Trpezanovski – Council Member
University of Newcastle - NSW Regulation Presentation to Students	Karen Jovanovic – Deputy President
NRAS Combined Meeting and Research Summit	Tracy Vitucci – President

Council Communications and Stakeholder Engagement

The Medical Radiation Practice 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 Medical Radiation Council and the National Board, the Council presented on regulation and complaints management in NSW at the Regulation and Practice Conference.

Other stakeholder engagement activities included having an information booth and sessions at professional conferences and a presentation to university students.

Overseas Travel

The Medical Radiation Practice 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.

Medical Radiation Practice 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 Medical Radiation Practice 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.

Education and Research account expenditure this year totaled \$9,525 including:

- \$1,250 for booth booking and Council attendance at the RAINS Conference 2018
- \$8,275 for banner creation, booth booking and Council attendance at the ASMIRT Conference 2019.

Financial Management

The Medical Radiation Practice Council's accounts performance was reported in the Financial Statement as follows.

Accounts Performance 2018/19	\$
Revenue	336,150
Operating expenditure	214,847
Gain / (loss) on disposal	[2]
Net result	121,301
Net cash reserves* (cash and cash equivalents minus current liabilities)	1,995,056

* Included in the cash reserves is an Education and Research bank account balance of \$42,222.

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

Budget 2019/20	\$
Revenue	309,041
Operating expenditure	295,339
Net result	13,702

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