



## Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives Board Communique 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

The CATSINaM Board met for an all-day Board meeting in Canberra on the 15<sup>th</sup> May – six Directors attended in person, and two Directors attended by Zoom web conference. On the previous afternoon, 14<sup>th</sup> May, six Directors attended social media training.



### President and Directors' reports

Marni Tuala (Chair) reported that she is currently working very closely with the CEO, Melanie Robinson, to support her in her new role.

- ① Board agreed to commence a communique to be sent out to the membership following each Board meeting, with a summary of Board business to increase transparency and inform membership.

The Board discussed the location for Board meeting outside of Canberra to provide networking and membership engagement opportunities. Location for the November meeting will be made at the August Board meeting.

### CEO report

Melanie Robinson (CEO) reported significant work being carried out to engage with stakeholders and members to progress the CATSINaM strategic plan and introduce herself as the new CATSINaM CEO.

- ① Cultural Safety Training Standards for Midwives have been endorsed by the Board and are currently with the Australian College of Midwives for their sign off.
- ① BMidwifery student placements have been re-instated at Cairns hospital following intense lobbying by CATSINaM and other midwifery organisations.
- ① CATSINaM has welcomed several new staff at the office.
- ① Planning for the 2019 conference is progressing well.



- ① The HESTA National Nursing and Midwifery Award ceremony was held in Melbourne in early May. This was well attended by some early career nurses and CATSINaM staff and board. Two members were nominated for Midwife of the Year and this was brilliant to show support for them.



## Finance

The Board approved:

- ① the finance report for the January-March 2019 period
- ① the 2019/20 budget
- ① the CATSINaM staff Leave policy.

## Membership

The Board approved 65 eligible membership applications.

## Other business

The Board approved nine applications from students and early career nurses and midwives to join the Student and Early Career Advisory Committee.

Next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019

