

# DENTAL COUNCIL

*Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo*

DENTISTRY - DENTAL HYGIENE - CLINICAL DENTAL TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL THERAPY

## Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 7 October 2013

The Dental Council is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (The Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions. This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meeting held in October 2013.

### Medical Emergencies code of practice – Expert Team

Council approved the following members to the Medical Emergencies Code of Practice Expert team:

- Robin Whyman (Chair)
- Penny Ingram – Canterbury DHB Resuscitation Training Co-ordinator
- Carrie Philliskirk – Capital & Coast DHB Resuscitation Officer
- Graham Symes – general dentist, New Zealand Sedation Society (in consultation with NZDA)
- Don Macalister – oral surgeon (proposed by John Bridgeman)
- Darryl Tong – oral and maxillofacial surgeon

### National Dental Examining Board of Canada

Council resolved that a formal process be initiated to explore a partnership with the National Dental Examining Board of Canada for Council's New Zealand Dentist Registration Examination process.

### Council appointment

Dr Andrew Gray was appointed to the Dental Council for a term of three years.

### Accreditation - Otago University Annual Report

The Dental Council approved the accreditation review team's recommendation, and accepted the 2012 annual reports as satisfactory in meeting the requirements for:

- Bachelor of Dental Technology and Bachelor of Dental Technology (Honours)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Dental Technology

The Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Dental Technology programme accreditation status would also change to full accreditation until 31 December 2015.

### Vetting and screening guidelines

Council resolved to make a submission to the Select Committee on the Vulnerable Children's Bill by 30 October 2013.

### Council appointment to Australian Dental Council (ADC)

Council resolved to appoint Dr Michael Bain (Chair) to become a member of the ADC Council.