



# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS BOARD OF QUEENSLAND

Newsletter

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## ***Chairperson's Address***

Once again the year 2000 – 2001 has been extremely busy. The Board has been heavily involved in the drafting of the new *Occupational Therapists Registration Act 2001*, which will be discussed later in this Newsletter.

I would like to pass on the Board's sincerest thanks to former Board members Ms Patsy Bjerregaard, immediate past Deputy Chairperson of the Board and Ms Lynn Newcombe, the Board's Consumer representative who both resigned from the Board in May 2001.

Judith Trevan-Hawke  
**Chairperson**



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## ***Membership of the Board***

His Excellency, the Governor, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council and under the provisions of the *Occupational Therapists Act 1979*, appointed the following members to the Occupational Therapists Board of Queensland for a term of three years from 5 July 2001:

**Ms Judith Trevan-Hawke** – Dip OT (UK) M Occ Thy (appointed as Chairperson)

**Dr Jenny Ziviani** – Dip OT B App Sc (Occ Thy) BA M Ed PhD

**Mr Jim Carmichael** – B Occ Thy Grad Dip Occ Hlth & Safety M Hlth Sc (appointed as Deputy Chairperson)

**Mrs Judy Rabbitt** – Dip OT

**Mrs Moira Boyle** – B Occ Thy

**Mrs Judith Willey** – B Occ Thy;

**Mrs Cathy McBryde** – B Occ Thy (Hons)

**Ms Sue Field** – Dip Nurs Ed BA MEd Admin LLB

**Ms Laila Hakansson Ware** – BA Grad Dip Ed, Barrister-at-Law



## ***Number of Registrants***

Occupational Therapy is steadily growing in Queensland. During the 2000 – 2001 year, the number of registrants increased from 1244 to 1315.



### **Board Website**

The Board website is housed at [www.occuptherapyboard.healthregboards.qld.gov.au](http://www.occuptherapyboard.healthregboards.qld.gov.au)

It is the responsibility of registrants to ensure that they are familiar with Board Policies relating to practice requirements.

The Board is currently updating the website to include copies of the following documents:

- Annual Report of the Board;
- Literature available from the Board, eg Codes of Conduct for Board Members etc;
- Board adopted Policies, eg Sexual Relations, and other Medical Policies;
- Accredited occupational therapy training programs in Australia which will lead to registration eligibility in Queensland.



### **Occupational Therapists Registration Act 2001**

The new Occupational Therapists Registration Act 2001 was passed by Parliament on 12 May 2001. The Board is presently awaiting the Minister for Health's decision regarding a commencement date.

A copy of the Occupational Therapists Registration Act 2001 is available on the internet at [www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au)

The Board also has new legislation regarding the handling of complaints. This legislation is titled the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards)*

*Act 1999.* A copy of this legislation can also be obtained from the above website.



### **Code of Practice**

The Board is currently awaiting the commencement of the Occupational Therapists Registration Act 2001 before final consultation can be undertaken in relation to the Board's Code of Practice. The Board anticipates circulating its draft Code of Practice to relevant stakeholders in early 2002 for comment.



### **Annual Licence Fee Renewal and Registration Period**

From 2003, the Board anticipates a change in the Annual Licence Fee Renewal period. Currently, as all occupational therapists are aware, the Annual Licence Fee Renewal period is between 1 January and 31 January and the registration period is from 1 January to 31 December. Under the new legislation, it is anticipated that the registration period will be changed to 1 July to 30 June and the Annual Licence Fee must be received in the Office between 1 May and 30 June. These dates are not yet finalised, however are expected to be fairly accurate.



### **Annual Practising Certificate**

Under the new Occupational Therapists Registration Act 2001 the format of the current Annual Practising Certificate will change to indicate the registration year for which it is current.