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Industry Reference Group: Complementary Health

Reiki Australia is proud to announce the news of its representation on the Industry Reference Group (IRG) for Complementary and Alternative Health. The position is held by Wendy Watson, project manager of the RA Professional Standards Team.

To date *Reiki Australia's* primary focus has been consultation. The organisation is now in the position of being directly influential in the development of standards for vocational Reiki treatment practice and will communicate to government the Reiki community's feedback gathered over the four year consultative process

There are six IRGs appointed by Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CSHISC) from varying health industry sectors.

The IRGs plays a key role in:

1. The review of the Health Training Package HLT02
2. Identifying and resolving industry issues; and
3. Assuring industry engagement in the review of the Health Training Package HLT02.

Appointment to the IRG is acknowledgement of the organisation's vigorous work over the past four years to give a voice to the Australian Reiki community, bring credibility to Reiki practitioners and recognition to the value of Reiki treatments.

Reiki Australia has participated in the review process through attending a number of community forums; contributing feedback to the Discussion Paper and preparing a submission to CSHISC which supports inclusion of a Reiki treatment qualification in the Health Training Package.

CSHISC has now begun to work directly with the professional standards team to develop the first draft of a multi level Reiki Treatment Practitioner qualification.

Though there is still much work to be done, this is indeed a significant milestone in the journey towards developing a holistic and professional Reiki treatment industry

The board of *Reiki Australia* wishes to thank members, project team members and all who have contributed to the national consultative process. Your feedback has informed *Reiki Australia's* model for a professional practice that preserves the spiritual nature and healing art of Reiki.

The review of the Health Training Package is progressing well and CSHISC provide regular progress updates on their website: www.cshisc.com.au
Go to Current Projects and follow the link to Health Training Package HLT02Review.