

Australian Dental Council announces the election of new President and Vice President

Melbourne, Victoria, 9 October 2019: The Australian Dental Council is pleased to announce the election of Professor Lindsay Richards as President and Associate Professor Catherine Snelling as Vice President.

First appointed to the Australian Dental Council Board of Directors in 2012, Professor Richards has served as Vice President since 2017. He has been actively involved in the assessment process since 1997 and has served as Chair of the Assessment Committee from 2012 to 2019. Recently, Professor Richards played a leadership role in the development of the outcomes based model for overseas qualified dental specialists through his role as Chair of the Project Steering Committee.

Associate Professor Snelling is a qualified Dental Therapist and Education Specialist with the University of Adelaide. She received the 2013 Australian Award for University Teaching, a 2017 Australian Government commendation for colleague development, and the University of Adelaide Stephen Cole the Elder award for teaching excellence in 2010 and again in 2017. Associate Professor Snelling has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2012 and will take over from Professor Richards as Chair of the Assessments Committee in 2019.

Both appointments are effective from 22 November 2019.

Australian Dental Council Chief Executive Officer, Ms Narelle Mills, said these appointments ensure the organisation continues to meet the needs of the rapidly changing accreditation sector.

“Congratulations to Professor Richards and Associate Professor Snelling on their appointments. This is an exciting time for the organisation as we focus on the future. I look forward to drawing on their knowledge and expertise as we continue to work in pursuit of our vision to be a leader in accreditation in the oral health sector, both nationally and internationally,” said Ms Mills.

“On behalf of the Australian Dental Council, I would like to thank outgoing President, Conjoint Associate Professor Cockrell. She led the Australian Dental Council during a period of change and did so with considerable passion and drive. I look forward to continuing to working with her through her role as Chair of the Australian Dental Council and Dental Council (New Zealand) Accreditation Committee.”

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About the Australian Dental Council

Formed in 1993, the Australian Dental Council (ADC) is an independent organisation appointed by the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) to conduct assessment and accreditation functions for the dental profession under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS).

The ADC is an independent not-for-profit company limited by guarantee under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. It holds charity status under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and is funded by a grant from the DBA and fee for service activities.

The Council recognises the value of a diverse and skilled workforce and is committed to creating and maintaining a diverse and inclusive culture, which draws on the backgrounds, experiences and perspectives of its people to enhance its decision making.

Current members of the ADC include key professional bodies, academic bodies and other members of the Australian dental profession.