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Australian Dental Council announces election of new President and Vice President

At its recent Annual General Meeting, the ADC acclaimed the leadership of Professor Mike Morgan as he vacated his position as President after an unprecedented three-year term. Mike thanked the Board, staff and members for their support during his time as President. 'I wish the organisation well in its new and exciting endeavours and I will look on with great pride as they come to fruition'.

The Board elected Conjoint Professor Deborah Cockrell as President and Professor Lindsay Richards as Vice President, as the ADC continues to develop its new, bespoke Examinations and Assessment Centre in Melbourne.

The Centre will allow all eligible applicants a more efficient examinations and assessment process whilst allowing the ADC to continue to develop robust and equitable processes for candidates. The move to new premises will also maximise organisational capability for all aspects of the accreditation functions of the ADC.

Deborah has been involved in ADC activities for several years and has held a Directorship for three years. A registered Oral Surgeon in NSW, Deb has had various roles within professional bodies including the NSW Dental Council and Australian Dental Association (ADA) NSW. With previous academic and leadership appointments with the University of Sydney and University of Newcastle, Deb is well placed to lead the ADC.

Lindsay is a specialist Prosthodontist based in Adelaide and until recently was Dean and Head of Dental School for the University of Adelaide. Lindsay has been involved in the assessment of overseas graduates in various ways since 1997 and for the last 4 years has been an ADC Board Director and Chair of the ADC Assessment Committee. At present he is Chairing the ADC Project Steering Committee developing an outcomes-based assessment model for overseas qualified dental specialists and has been integral to the design and direction of the ADC examination centre.

On her new role as ADC President, Deb commented, 'It is a real honour to be elected President of the Council as we enter an exciting new phase in our evolution. The new centre demonstrates our clear commitment to being leaders in accreditation and examinations. We have a wonderful team who will ensure that our quality processes continue to be nationally and internationally recognised'.

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ADC CEO Narelle Mills stated, 'I am looking forward to working with both Deb and Lindsay in their new roles and to implement the exciting projects underway. It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to Mike as President who assisted me greatly in my transition into the organisation and the world of dentistry, however we are fortunate to have the opportunity to continue to work with Mike and retain his knowledge in the organisation through his ongoing leadership of the Accreditation Committee.'

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