

Australian Dental Council Board of Director appointments

Melbourne, Victoria, 27 November 2018: The Australian Dental Council (ADC) is pleased to announce the re-appointment of Conjoint Associate Professor Deborah Cockrell, Professor Lindsay Richards, and Associate Professor Cathy Snelling to the organisation's Board of Directors.

Conjoint Associate Professor Cockrell is an overseas trained Oral Surgeon with a PhD in dental education. She has worked in a wide range of settings, including academia, outreach services, public and private practice. Former President of the Australian Dental Association (ADA) NSW, she has served as the President of the ADC in 2018.

Professor Richards has a long history with the Adelaide Dental School, most recently as its Dean and Head. He is a Specialist Member of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons and International College of Prosthodontists, a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and the Academy of Dentistry International, and an honorary Life Member of the Australian Prosthodontic Society. A Director since 2012, Professor Richards is Chair of the ADC Assessment Committee and was elected Vice President of the organisation in 2018.

An Education Specialist at the University of Adelaide, Associate Professor Snelling is highly regarded in the academic community, receiving the Australian Award for University Teaching in 2013. She is also the 2017 recipient of the Australian Government commendation for colleague development in 2017, and the recipient of the University of Adelaide Stephen Cole the Elder Award for teaching excellence in 2010 and again in 2017.

ADC Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Narelle Mills, said a key aim for the ADC moving forward is ensuring the organisation has the mechanisms in place to exercise effective governance.

"As long serving Directors of the ADC, Conjoint Associate Professor Cockrell, Professor Richards, and Associate Professor Snelling have each made significant contributions to the organisation's day-to-day work and its long-term success. Coming from an array of professional backgrounds, each one has a unique skill set which complements the expertise and experience of the Board of Directors," said Ms Mills.

"On behalf of the organisation, I would like to extend my congratulations to Conjoint Associate Professor Cockrell, Professor Richards, and Associate Professor Snelling on their re-appointment and I look forward to continuing our strong working relationship in the years to come."

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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 professions 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.