

The ADC welcomes the appointment of new Chair and Deputy Chair

Melbourne, Victoria, 1 July 2021: The Australian Dental Council welcomes the appointment of Professor Chris Peck and Dr Chris Bourke as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of its Board of Directors.

Both terms are effective from 19 November 2021 for a period of one year.

Professor Peck and Dr Bourke have extensive experience within Australia's health and dental sectors and are well placed to lead the Australian Dental Council as the organisation looks towards the long-term role of accreditation and assessment within Australian and around the world explained Chief Executive Officer Narelle Mills.

"On behalf of the Australian Dental Council I would like to congratulate Chris Peck and Chris Bourke on their appointments. Each brings a wealth of experience to their role, and I look forward to working closely with them as we develop our strategy for 2022 and beyond," said Narelle.

Professor Peck and Dr Bourke will replace Professor Lindsay Richards and Associate Professor Cathy Snelling who have served as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Board of Directors since 2019.

"Lindsay Richards and Cathy Snelling have made significant contributions to the Australian Dental Council, not only during their terms as Chair and Deputy Chair, but over many years with the organisation. I would like to thank them for their continued dedication and support to the Australian Dental Council.," said Narelle.

About Professor Chris Peck

Professor Chris Peck has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2014 and has played an active role across several committees during his tenure. He is currently a member of the Finance, Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee.

Outside of the Australian Dental Council Chris has a long history within the healthcare and academic sector. This includes the development and delivery of a whole of University approach to improving health and wellbeing as Director of the University of Sydney's Westmead Initiative, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, and consultant at Royal North Shore Hospital's Pain Management and Research Centre.

About Dr Chris Bourke

Dr Chris Bourke is a Gamillaroi man and Australia's first Indigenous dentist. With an extensive career in public and private practice, Dr Bourke helped establish the Indigenous Dentists' Association of Australia and was its inaugural President. From 2011 to 2016, Chris was a Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly, with various ministerial portfolios. His most recent role was Strategic Programs Director for the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association where he led their work on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, aged care, rural health, and oral health.

He has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2019 and is a member of the 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.