

The Australian Dental Council announces appointments to its Board of Directors

Melbourne, Victoria, 25 November 2021: The Australian Dental Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Rohan Krishnan and Leah Hobbs to the organisation's Board of Directors for effective from 19 November 2021.

An experienced general dentist, practice owner, and Honorary Clinical Associate Lecturer at The University of Sydney, Rohan brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of the Australian dental profession to the Board. He is Vice President of the NSW Branch of the Australian Dental Association and Chair of dental aid charity Filling the Gap. Rohan is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Leah is an Oral Health Therapist with extensive experience in the public, private, and academic sectors. She holds qualifications in Oral Health Therapy, Public Health, Higher Education, and Clinical Redesign. She is passionate about increasing oral health literacy among dental consumers and improving access to dental care for vulnerable populations. In 2015, Leah was awarded the inaugural Life Sciences Queensland Rose-Anne Kelso Commemorative Award and in 2018 was awarded the Dental Hygienist Association of Australia's Clinical Excellence Award for the use of clinical indicators in paediatric dental care to improve customer outcomes.

The appointment of Rohan and Leah to the ADC Board of Directors coincides with the start of a new and exciting chapter for the organisation explains Chair, Professor Chris Peck.

"As the organisation embarks on more ambitious projects and activities to strengthen our leadership in accreditation and assessment nationally and internationally, the Board has developed a succession plan to ensure we have the necessary diversity, skills and experience to achieve our goals."

"Rohan and Leah will bring new perspectives and insight into the governance of the ADC. This is especially timely as the organisation commences work on its new Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2024 as well as focusing on the expansion of its international activities. I look forward to hearing their thoughts and contributions as we embark on this exciting new chapter," said Chris.

The appointment of Rohan and Leah coincides with the conclusion of Professor Lindsay Richards and Associate Professor Cathy Snelling's terms on the ADC's the Board of Directors.

"Lindsay and Cathy have contributed enormously to the ADC, both through their board leadership as Chair and Deputy Chair and through participation across many of the organisation's committees and working groups. The ADC, dental profession and community have benefited greatly from their experience and expertise, and I thank them for their commitment and dedication to ensuring dental practitioners meet the high standards expected of the profession," said Chris.

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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.