

## Australian Dental Council announces the appointment of President and Vice President

**Melbourne, Victoria, 27 November 2018:** The Australian Dental Council (ADC) is pleased to announce the election of Conjoint Associate Professor Deborah Cockrell as President and Professor Lindsay Richards as Vice President for 2019.

Appointed Director in 2015, Conjoint Associate Professor Cockrell was first elected President of the ADC in November 2017. In her first year as President, she led the Board during the development and implementation of the ADC's new practical examination process.

Conjoint Associate Professor Cockrell also worked to ensure the Chief Executive Officer and the ADC senior leadership team had the support and structures required at a Board level to ensure the effective delivery of a number of milestone projects in 2018.

Professor Richards has been actively involved in the ADC assessment process since 1997 and has served as Chair of the organisation's Assessment Committee since 2012. Playing an integral role in the design and direction of the administration and examination centre, Professor Richards has been heavily involved in the development of the outcomes based model for overseas qualified dental specialists through his role as Chair of the ADC Project Steering Committee.

Australian Dental Council Chief Executive Officer, Ms Narelle Mills, said the knowledge and experience of Conjoint Associate Professor Cockrell and Professor Richards has been a significant asset for the organisation.

"2018 marked the beginning of an exciting new phase for the ADC and Conjoint Associate Professor Cockrell and Professor Richards have both played significant roles at a Board level to ensure we had the support needed to deliver on our organisational aims for the year," said Ms Mills.

"Moving forward, the ADC is working towards achieving its vision to be a leader in accreditation and assessment in the oral health sector, both nationally and internationally. I look forward to continuing to work with both Conjoint Professor Cockrell and Professor Richards on new projects as the organisation strives to fulfil its vision."

**- ENDS -**

### **For more information:**

Samara Williams  
Manager, Communications  
Australian Dental Council  
**Ph:** (03) 9657 1735  
**Email:** [samara.williams@adc.org.au](mailto:samara.williams@adc.org.au)

### **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.

# MEDIA RELEASE



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.