

## **COMMUNIQUE**

### **College Council**

### **of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians**

The College Council met virtually on 1 August 2025 for the first meeting of the refreshed College Council. Board Directors attended as observers, and reporting body Chairs invited for introductions and sharing key priorities for their committees. Committees represented included the Member Health and Wellbeing Committee, Library, Collections and Cultural Heritage Committee, Gender Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory Committee, Northern Territory Committee, Queensland Committee, South Australia Committee and Western Australian Committee.

The College Council endorsed for Board approval Dr Armand Casolin PSM as Chair for a term until May 2026.

Member Health and Wellbeing Committee (MHWC) Deputy Chair, Dr David Beaumont, provided an update on the wellbeing vision and strategy for all College members. Strategy initiatives include a “whole person” framework and an internal campaign encouraging members to act as wellbeing advocates. It was noted that strong webinar engagement shows a clear appetite for more wellbeing content. Feedback from College Council members highlighted the importance of cultural safety and inclusivity in the wellbeing space. Work continues with the Māori Health Committee and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Committee to ensure this is achieved.

College Council members received an update from the Strategy and Transformation team on the College’s Strategy Refresh, which aims to meet future challenges and deliver greater member value through four focus areas:

- Member Experience – enhancing value, personalisation, and engagement.
- Workplace and Workforce – addressing member and community needs.
- Integration and Implementation – breaking down silos and improving alignment.
- Designed Growth – ensuring sustainability and cultural change.

Next steps include refining the strategy for Board approval in November 2025.

A new events roadmap was presented. This is earmarked for launch in 2026, with an aim of creating clinically relevant, inspiring, and inclusive events that foster connection and CPD opportunities throughout the year. Four in-person formats across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand will be piloted:

- Rapid Fire Clinical Updates
- In Conversation Series
- Awards & Orations Gala
- Thematic Conferences.

College Council was in strong agreement for the improvement of cross-College communication to reduce duplication of effort across committees and work plans.

The next meeting is planned for 25 September 2025 by Zoom.

Any questions and comments are welcomed via [Council@racp.edu.au](mailto:Council@racp.edu.au)

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