



The Royal Australasian
College of Physicians

Media Release

Associate Professor Mark Lane announced as RACP President-Elect

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The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) has announced current New Zealand President Associate Professor Mark Lane as the next RACP President-Elect.

Associate Professor Lane will begin his two year term as RACP President-Elect at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on 18 May. He will then serve as RACP President for two years from 2018.

Associate Professor Lane is a gastroenterologist at Auckland Hospital in New Zealand. He has been involved with RACP almost continuously since 1991, including a number of roles within the New Zealand branch, and has served on the RACP Board for nearly four years.

The RACP has also announced today:

- Professor Paul Komesaroff is the next Adult Medical Division (AMD) President-Elect. Professor Komesaroff is an adult endocrinologist and Professor of Medicine at Monash University and the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne.
- Professor Paul Colditz is the next PCHD President-Elect. Professor Colditz is a neonatal paediatrician at Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital, Professor of Perinatal Medicine at the University of Queensland and Director Perinatal Research Centre at the University of Queensland.
- Dr Beata Byok is the next AFOEM President-Elect. Dr Byok is a self-employed occupational physician in Adelaide.

The RACP elections resulted in a record number of votes cast. The process was hosted by Computershare, and outcomes were independently audited.

Elections for the Presidents-Elect of the Australian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM), the Australian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (AFRM) and the New Zealand President-Elect were uncontested and successful candidates have already been announced.

They are:

- Professor Tim Geraghty is the next AFRM President-Elect. Professor Geraghty is a Rehabilitation Specialist and current Co-Chair of the Queensland State-wide Rehabilitation Clinical Network.
- Associate Professor Linda Selvey is the next AFPHM President-Elect. Associate Professor Selvey is a Public Health Physician and the Deputy Head of School of Public Health at Curtin University

- Dr Jeff Brown is the next New Zealand President-Elect. Dr Brown has been a paediatrician at Palmerston North Hospital, New Zealand, for 20 years and is the current Chair of the New Zealand Paediatrics and Child Health Division Committee.

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About The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP): The RACP trains, educates and advocates on behalf of more than 15,000 physicians and 7,500 trainee physicians across Australia and New Zealand.

The College represents a broad range of medical specialties including general medicine, paediatrics and child health, cardiology, respiratory medicine, neurology, oncology, public health medicine, occupational and environmental medicine, palliative medicine, sexual health medicine, rehabilitation medicine, geriatric medicine and addiction medicine. Beyond the drive for medical excellence, the RACP is committed to developing health and social policies which bring vital improvements to the wellbeing of patients.

The College offers 60 training pathways. These lead to the award of one of seven qualifications that align with 45 specialist titles recognised by the Medical Board of Australia or allow for registration in nine vocational scopes with the Medical Council of New Zealand.