



A message from the Board

July 2018

Your Board met on 19 and 20 July in Sydney.

Statement of Strategic Intent

All members of the Board including the new Directors elected by Fellows in May this year, held a day long strategy session, the outcomes of which were covered in our Strategic Statement of Intent emailed to members on 30 July.

In short, we agreed that the statements about the long-term goals of the College and its purpose as described in the Strategic Plan (2015 to 2018) are still current.

We are an organisation that aims to contribute to excellence in health and medical care and our core purpose is to provide high quality training and education for the physicians of the future, offer continuing professional development to existing Fellows, advocate to further the health and wellbeing of the community, promote research, and support the health and wellbeing of Fellows and trainees.

We note that none of this is possible without the enormous contribution of Fellows and trainees to the life and work of the College and the professional support of the staff of the College. We are united in our commitment to ensure a safe, positive, healthy and respectful culture for all people who are involved in College activities, whether they be Fellows, trainees or staff.

The full text of the Board's Statement of Intent can be accessed at www.racp.edu.au/about/racp-board-and-governance/racp-governance-documents

Statement Ferrier Hodgson report

Directors received an update on the progress of the Ferrier Hodgson independent report into the circumstances surrounding the failure of the computer based 2018 Divisional Written Examination for Basic Trainees and noted that the final Ferrier Hodgson report was expected to be presented to a Board meeting scheduled for late August/early September. The Directors have raised concerns over the ongoing delay to finalise this report and are committed to providing further information to Fellows as soon as it is able.

Appointment of Honorary Treasurer

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of a new College Honorary Treasurer, Mr Tony Tenaglia.

Tony was appointed as one of the three community Directors under Clause 8.1A(f) of the Constitution and Honorary Treasurer effective from 31 July. Tony joins the Board from IAG in Melbourne and brings extensive experience in leading business and financial services teams within the public, private and tertiary education sectors. He has held senior leadership positions with Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society the Intensive Care Foundation and the Institute for Safety, Compensation and Recovery Research.

Directors welcome Tony to the College and look forward to working with him to fulfil the strategic objectives of the Board.

Finance and Risk Management Committee member update

Consistent with the move to a smaller, skills based Board, the Board voted to reduce the number of members on the Finance and Risk Management Committee from nine to six. This is in line with Governance best practise and will allow for increased efficiency in decision making and matters of importance to our Members.

Memorandum of Understanding – The Pacific Community

The Board supported the College's collaborative involvement in the Pacific Community, which includes:

- support the development of sustainable capacity building and mentoring practices for physicians and where relevant, nurse specialists and/or relevant allied health practitioners
- support the development of standards for physicians and where relevant, nurse specialists
- contribute to and support the development of sustainable health policies across the region.

Our President will sign the MOU on behalf of the College. We look forward to establishing linkages with the international community and thank all College members and staff involved in this important area of work.

Divisional Clinical Exams

The Board received an update on the Divisional Clinical Examinations, and dialogue continues with employers, state departments, and DPE's to strengthen partnerships with the College, develop training capacity and developing assessments skills and setting standards.

Tri-Nations Alliance

The College continues to work collaboratively with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons to work on medical education matters for member colleges, provide educational insights and resource opportunities, a space for research collaboration, tangible outcomes on areas of mutual interest and facilitate international collaboration and exchanges for College members.

College Body appointment

As the Board approved appointments to College Bodies, or the re-appointment of Chairs to College Bodies, all Directors wanted to extend their appreciation to all College Body members for their valuable contribution and ongoing commitment to the College.

Next meeting

The Board are planning a further meeting in early September on a date to be fixed in addition to the next scheduled Board meeting in early October.

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RACP President