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## Media Release

### Council elects new President

The Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has elected a new leadership team on Monday 25 May with Ms Debra Rowett being named President.

Outgoing President, Mr John Low said "I congratulate Debra on her appointment. As President I have seen Debra's collaborative and inclusive approach as Chair of the Accreditation Committee and a member of Council. I truly wish Debra all the very best at the helm of the APC and know she will do an outstanding job."

Ms Rowett is a pharmacist and the Director, Drug and Therapeutics Information Service at the Repatriation General Hospital in her home state of South Australia. Her particular areas of interest are in aged care, palliative care, pharmacoepidemiology and pharmacovigilance. She also has a strong interest in health policy and workforce development.

"The APC plays an important role in pharmacy education, training and assessment standards. I am humbled and honoured that my fellow councillors have put their faith in me to lead such an organisation" said Ms Rowett.

At the same meeting Professor Nick Shaw was elected as Vice President replacing Ms Rowett. Professor Shaw is a pharmacy academic and the former Head of School of Pharmacy at the University of Queensland. In 2013 he was the PSA Bowl of Hygeia Award recipient.

APC CEO Ms Bronwyn Clark said "On behalf of the team at APC we wish to congratulate Debra and Nick on their appointments. The entire team looks forward to working with them to achieve the organisation's goals". Ms Clark continued "While we will miss working with John as President, we are glad that he will continue to serve on Council for the remainder of his term."

Outgoing President Mr John Low will continue on Council as a Pharmacist Member until the end of his term in May 2016.

Both Ms Rowett and Professor Shaw will serve for a period of 2 years.

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