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## Media Release

### APC welcomes new President and Vice President to governing body

The Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has elected a new President and Vice President to lead the strategic direction of our organisation over the coming years.

At our February Council meeting, Associate Professor Sue Kirsa was elected President for a two year term commencing 26 February 2018, and Professor Iqbal Ramzan was elected as Vice President also for a two year term.

Associate Professor Kirsa is currently the Director of Pharmacy at Monash Health, Victoria's largest health service, following a ten year career as Director of Pharmacy at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. A previous President of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia, Sue has a long history with the APC as a previous member of the Accreditation Committee and as Councillor since 2016 and APC Vice President in 2017. Sue is also Adjunct Associate Professor at Monash University (Centre for Medication Use and Safety, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences).

Professor Ramzan has been an APC Councillor since 2015, and has recently stepped down as Dean of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney, a position he held for over 12 years. He has also previously held the position of President of the Council of Pharmacy Schools, and Chair of the Australian Pharmacy Leaders Forum.

The Council also bid thankyou and farewell to outgoing President Professor Debra Rowett, who is leaving the APC after completing the maximum terms available.

"Debra has made an enormous contribution to APC over more than a decade, in her roles including President and Accreditation Committee Chair" said CEO Bronwyn Clark. "Her leadership and commitment to improving the health outcomes of those who we serve, by ensuring high standards of pharmacy education, are an inspiration to us all. She has been instrumental in transforming the APC to the modern standard-setting organisation it is today, and will be sorely missed."

Professor Rowett will maintain her link with the APC over the next year as the Chair of Professional Reference Group charged with reviewing the Accreditation standards for pharmacy programs.

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