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AMC President and Deputy President

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) has announced the election of Professor Robin Mortimer AO as the President of the Australian Medical Council and Associate Professor Jillian Sewell AM as the Deputy President following its annual general meeting. Professor Mortimer succeeds Professor Richard Smallwood AO as President.

The AMC is an independent national standards body for medical education and training. It aims to ensure that standards of education, training and assessment of the medical profession promote and protect the health of the Australian community. Its principal functions include setting standards for medical education, assessing medical programs for accreditation purposes, and assessing international medical graduates.

Professor Mortimer is an internationally recognised physician and the Executive Director of the Office of Health and Medical Research, Queensland Health. He holds the positions of Senior Specialist, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Director of Endocrinology, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, and Professor, Disciplines of Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, The University of Queensland.



Professor Mortimer has served medical education and research over many years. He has contributed to the AMC's assessment and accreditation of medical education programs, examination of international medical graduates, and strategic development. He has been a member of the Council since 2004 and was elected as a Director and the Deputy President in 2008. He currently chairs the AMC's Recognition of Medical Specialties Advisory Committee and the Strategic Policy Advisory Committee. As an experienced medical educator Professor Mortimer has made a strong contribution to AMC accreditation of primary and specialist medical programs, and is currently chairing the AMC working party developing national standards for intern training.

Professor Mortimer has paid tribute to his predecessor Professor Richard Smallwood for his many years of service to the AMC, and particularly for his leadership as President as the AMC moved to its position as the accreditation authority for medicine under the National Law. He said that Professor Smallwood has always provided a clear direction and wise counsel to the Directors, committees and AMC staff.

Associate Professor Jill Sewell is the Deputy Director, Centre for Community Child Health at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH), a principal paediatric specialist at the RCH, Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Melbourne, and a leader in paediatric education. Associate Professor Sewell chairs the AMC's Specialist Education Accreditation Committee and has been a Director and member of Council since 2009, she is a Member of the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee and a Member of the Recognition of Medical Specialties Advisory Committee.

