



AMC welcomes new Director and Member of Council

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) held its 2018 General Meeting of Council at the National Museum in Canberra on Friday 15 June. The Council held a forum style discussion with a number of key partners covering important national issues including rural and remote health and generalism. The Chief Medical Officer, Dr Brendan Murphy, discussed the government's recently announced budget initiatives including the 'More Doctors for Rural Australia Program', the new network of rural medical schools in the Murray-Darling basin, extra training places for rural generalists, and the ongoing commitment to Indigenous health measures.

The Council welcomed Dr Andrew Singer AM as the incoming Chair of the Prevocational Standards Accreditation Committee and ex-officio AMC Director for a four year term ending November 2022. Dr Andrew Singer, MBBS FACEM FIFEM, Principal Medical Adviser, Australian Government Department of Health; Adjunct Associate Professor, Australian National University Medical School; Senior Specialist in Emergency and Retrieval Medicine, Canberra Hospital and Health Services will also sit as a Member of Council.

Dr Singer has made significant contributions to the work of the AMC, having been engaged in AMC committees since 1999. He brings a wealth of experience in health service policy, medical education and training, accreditation and regulation to his new role.

The Council also welcomed Mr Tom Symonds, Community Member, for a four-year term ending November 2022. Mr Symonds is the community member on the South Australian Board of the Medical Board of Australia and a board member on the Adelaide Primary Health Network. He is currently the Manager of Strategic Research Services at Flinders University, and has previous experience in senior management roles for health services.

The AMC Council will next meet in November in Launceston, Tasmania to explore issues around the social challenges of equitable and efficient healthcare and education financing and delivery in regional Australia.

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