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NEW AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF DERMATOLOGISTS CEO ANNOUNCED

The [Australasian College of Dermatologists \(ACD\)](#) is very pleased to announce that Haley Bennett has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer, commencing 1st February 2022 upon the retirement of current CEO Tim Wills.

Haley is currently Deputy CEO of the College and previous Acting CEO in 2020. Over the past 5 years, she has led significant growth and innovation across the College including leading development of College's [Strategic Plan 2020-23](#), considerably increasing College's relationships and partnerships with government, health organisations, community, advocacy and patient groups, and leading College's member service response to COVID-19.

Haley has extensive and international experience in health across sectors - in health policy and service delivery, strategy, communications, stakeholder engagement and research. Commencing her career in the academic sector, Haley received a PhD from the Garvan Institute of Medical Research and held a post-doctoral position at the Beatson Institute for Cancer Research in Glasgow, UK. Haley has since held numerous roles in medical communications, in the not-for-profit sector and at Cancer Australia, the Federal Government's agency for cancer control, before joining ACD in 2016.

ACD President Dr Clare Tait said Dr Bennett was extremely well placed to lead the College as it continues to work towards its vision for the highest standard of skin health and dermatology care to be available and accessible to all patients and communities.

"Bringing together excellent governance, operations and financial management skills, Haley has an exceptional ability to communicate and a thorough knowledge and experience of the regulatory, membership and external stakeholder landscape. Highly collaborative, she has the trust and respect of the Board who have worked closely with her over the last few years.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary contribution of departing CEO, Tim Wills. During his tenure, Tim has led the College through a significant cultural and organisational change that ensures the College is in the best possible position to deliver dermatology education and training, excellent member services and support, and advocacy with external stakeholders.

"Haley will continue to build on this significant progress, ensuring we can deliver the best possible care for patients, which is at the heart of what we do."

About the Australasian College of Dermatologists

The Australasian College of Dermatologists is the sole medical college accredited by the Australian Medical Council for the training and continuing professional development of medical practitioners in the specialty of dermatology.

It is the leading authority in Australia for dermatology, providing information, advocacy and advice to individuals, communities, government and other health stakeholders on skin health and dermatological practice.

Dermatology is the area of medicine that deals with the skin including the hair and nails. Dermatologists are medical specialists trained in the diagnosis, treatment and management of all skin diseases including skin cancer.

As the national peak membership organisation, the College represents 590 specialist dermatologist Fellows (FACD) and 100 trainees across the country.

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