

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meetings during March 2017

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The Dental Council (Council) is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions.

This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meeting held on 14 March 2017.

Appointment to the Audit and Risk Management Committee (ARM)

Brent Kennerley was re-appointed as the Chair of the ARM Committee, and John Aarts was appointed as the Deputy Chair of the ARM Committee

Orthodontic working group recommendations – update

At its November 2016 meeting, the Council, considered the Orthodontic Working Group Report and accepted all 12 recommendations in the report. The report is available on the Council's website.

At that meeting, Council requested a work plan on proposed actions/activities to achieve the recommendations of the working group, and associated timeframes.

The Council considered and discussed the draft work plan noting the recommendations were grouped in two categories—those that the Council has primary responsibility for implementing, and those where the Council would play a leadership/facilitation role, but other parties have joint responsibility in achieving the desired outcomes.

The Council accepted the draft work plan actions and indicative timeframes, and that further reporting would follow.

Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (FRACDS) Accreditation

Council appointed Dr Derek Goodisson, general dentist and oral and maxillofacial surgery specialist, as the New Zealand site evaluation team (SET) member for the accreditation of FRACDS (OMS), to replace Dr Brian Whitley. Council also agreed that a lay member of the SET should participate in at least one New Zealand site visit, and Associate Professor Kai Lee would be the appropriate dental representative to observe the SST examination.