

## Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting 12 February 2018

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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 in February 2018.

### Election of the Chair and Deputy Chair

Under clause 3, schedule 3 of the Act, the Council must, at its first meeting of the year, elect from its membership a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

- Dr Robin Whyman was re-elected as Chair of the Dental Council.
- Brig Andrew Gray was re-elected as Deputy Chair of the Dental Council.

### Recertification policy review

Council approved the final analysis documents and agreed that it would be issued to all practitioners and stakeholders by 16 February.

Council also agreed:

- That phase two consultation activities would replicate phase one activities, with the addition of another forum in Auckland (two in total).
- The timeframes for the development of the framework options and phase two consultation activities would be extended by three months.

### University of Otago – Bachelor of Dental Surgery & Honours 2017 annual report

Council accepted the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendation from its 5 February 2018 teleconference meeting, that the Bachelor of Dental Surgery & Honours 2017 annual report be accepted as satisfactory in continuing to meet the accreditation standards.

### University of Otago – Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) & Master of Community Dentistry (MComDent) 2017 annual report

Council accepted the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendation from its 5 February 2018 teleconference meeting, that the University of Otago DClinDent & MComDent annual report 2017 annual report be accepted as satisfactory in continuing to meet the accreditation standards.

### University of Otago – Postgraduate Diploma Clinical Dental Technology 2017 annual report

Council accepted the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendation from its 5 February 2018 teleconference meeting, that the Postgraduate Diploma Clinical Dental Technology 2017 annual report be accepted as satisfactory in continuing to meet the accreditation standards.

### University of Otago – Bachelor of Oral Health 2017 annual report

Council accepted the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendation from its 5 February teleconference meeting, that the Bachelor of Oral Health 2017 annual report be accepted as satisfactory in continuing to meet the accreditation standard.

Council also resolved to close the following recommendations:

- 1 – Recommend that new teaching/clinical staff have more training (e.g. induction and calibration) and are more aware of the support services available to them.
- 4 – The team noted the positive clinical placement experience with DHBs and would encourage the BOH staff to explore the inclusion of dental hygiene experience within the DHB placements as well as private partnerships.
- 6 – The Faculty could explore interprofessional learning opportunities across the allied fields to enhance the integration of general and oral health management.
- 8 – The Faculty is encouraged to develop a more detailed plan of the developed strategies for improvement with an associated timetable for implementation.

### Auckland University of Technology - Bachelor of Health Science in Oral Health 2017 annual report

Council accepted the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendation from its 5 February meeting, that the AUT Bachelor of Health Science in Oral Health 2017 annual report be accepted as satisfactory, and to close all remaining recommendations in light of the upcoming 2018 accreditation review.

### Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (RCPA FFOMP) 2017 annual report

Council accepted the ADC/DC(NZ) accreditation committee's recommendation from its 5 February meeting, that the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (RCPA FFOMP) 2017 annual report be accepted as satisfactory.

### University of Otago postgraduate site evaluation team (SET)

The following members were appointed to the University of Otago postgraduate SET:

#### Core Group:

- Co-chair –David Thomson
- Co-chair – Ivan Darby
- Lay member – John Robertson
- Dental specialist – *nominated member to be confirmed, subject to their availability*
- Clinical dental technician – Brent Norton

#### Discipline specific members:

##### Periodontics

- Academic – Prof Ivan Darby

**Orthodontics**

- Academic – A/Prof Paul Schneider
- Clinician – Julie Carter (pending assessor approval by the ADC/DC(NZ) Committee)

**Special needs**

- Academic – A/Prof Sharon Liberali
- Clinician – Guo Ling (pending assessor approval by the ADC/DC(NZ) Committee)

**Oral pathology**

- Academic – Prof Richard Logan
- Clinician – Kullasit Chutipongpisit

**Oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS)**

- Clinician – John Bridgman

**Oral medicine**

- Academic – A/Prof Mark Schifter
- Clinician – Hadleigh Clark

**Prosthodontics**

- Academic – David Thomson
- Clinician – Andrew Cautley

**Paediatrics**

- Clinician – Erin Mahoney

**Oral surgery**

- Academic – Dr Eric Carter
- Clinician – Glenn Kirk (pending assessor approval by the ADC/DC(NZ) Committee)

**Endodontics**

- Academic – Winthrop Professor Paul Abbott
- Clinician – Todd Gracia

**Public health**

- Academic – Kaye Roberts Thomson
- Clinician – Mary Livingston

**Clinical dental technology**

- Academic – A/Prof Jane Evans
- Clinician – Brent Norton

The following positions were still pending:

- Periodontics: NZ clinician
- Oral and maxillofacial surgery: academic
- Paediatrics: academic.

**FRACDS (OMS) accreditation report**

Council accepted the ADC/DC(NZ) accreditation committee recommendation that the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) programme be accredited for a period of five years until 31 December 2022 subject to the following condition:

That the assessment strategy be critically reviewed and further developed to ensure robust, fair and consistent assessment across all examination processes. This must include:

- standard-setting procedures
- an overall blueprint assessment matrix
- training and calibration of examiners

The College must provide a report to the ADC and DC(NZ) on the completion of the review and the changes to the College's assessment processes by 31 December 2018.

### RCPA FFMOP

Council appointed the following members to the RCPA FFMOP site evaluation team:

- Dr Kullasit Chutipongpisit – NZ oral pathologist
- Sue Ineson – laymember.