

## HPAC Forum announces new leadership for 2026

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The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative (HPAC) Forum has elected Mr Jonathon Kruger, CEO of the Australian Dental Council, as Chair, and Dr Louise McCall, Chair of the Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee, as Deputy Chair for 2026.

The HPAC Forum is a coalition of the 15 accreditation authorities that carry out accreditation functions under Australia's National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme). The Forum works collaboratively to strengthen the quality, efficiency, consistency and transparency of accreditation and assessment across regulated health professions - ultimately for the benefit of the Australian community.

Incoming Chair Mr Jonathon Kruger said he was honoured to lead the Forum at a time of significant change across the sector.

"It is a great honour to be assuming the leadership of the HPAC Forum at such a pivotal time," Mr Kruger said.

"I thank my colleagues in the Forum for the trust they have shown in supporting me to take on this role. There are clearly substantial challenges facing the sector in the coming years, and it is unlikely that the current configuration of councils and committees will be the same in years to come."

"During this period of transition, it is my goal that the Forum continues to evolve, and we clearly showcase how diverse organisations can collaborate for the good of the scheme and ultimately the benefit of the Australian public."

Deputy Chair Dr Louise McCall said the Forum was uniquely positioned to shape the future of accreditation.

"It's a time of change for health professions accreditation and an opportunity for the HPAC Forum to have a significant positive impact on the future direction of accreditation," Dr McCall said.

"As the incoming Deputy Chair, I advocate for reducing duplication across the Scheme whilst maintaining the importance of profession-specific requirements to ensure that we have rigorous accreditation processes that are fit for purpose. Forefront of mind always is keeping the public safe."

As Chair, Mr Kruger brings more than two decades of leadership experience in health policy, regulation, and international advocacy, including as CEO of World Physiotherapy in London and in senior roles across health governance and professional associations in Australia.

As Deputy Chair, Dr Louise McCall brings over 30 years' experience in health professional education, accreditation, and governance. She currently serves on several accreditation committees and is an Adjunct Associate Professor at Monash University.

Together, Mr Kruger and Dr McCall will lead the Forum in advancing key national projects to improve transparency, consistency, and collaboration across accreditation functions. Their leadership comes as the Forum continues to strengthen its collective voice on matters affecting accreditation policy, standards, processes and public trust in the health system.

The Forum also acknowledges the outstanding contributions of current Chair Dr Terry Crisp, and Deputy Chair Mr Anton Barnett-Harris, who will continue in their roles until the end of 2025. Their leadership and steady stewardship have positioned the Forum strongly for the next phase of collaboration and reform. Professor Alex Gentle will continue as Chair of the HPAC Forum Accreditation Managers Subcommittee, providing leadership to key work advancing consistency of accreditation processes.

The HPAC Forum remains committed to ensuring accreditation continues to serve as a cornerstone of Australia's health workforce regulation — supporting safe, high-quality, and culturally responsive care for all Australians.

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