

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association

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## AIDA announces new Board of Directors

The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) is pleased to announce the new AIDA Board of Directors, following the 2019 AIDA Annual General Meeting (AGM), Tuesday, 2 October.

The 2019 AGM saw the welcoming of two new Directors to the AIDA Board, Dr Ngaree Blow as Director and Mr Tom Mylne as Student Director. They will be joining Dr Kristopher Rallah-Baker (President), Associate Professor Shannon Springer (Vice President), Dr Artiene Tatian, Dr Sarah McEwan and Dr Keith Gleeson to form the AIDA Board for 2020.

Dr Blow is a proud Yorta-Yorta and Quandamooka woman, currently in Public Health physician training and works as the Director of First Nations Health at the University of Melbourne. Having been a member of AIDA since 2011, Dr Blow would like to continue to advocate for her People's health and the Indigenous Doctors community, bringing her experience in teaching and research together with her passion for public health and paediatrics to further AIDA's ground-breaking work.

Mr Mylne, a proud Gangalu man from Gladstone Queensland and a Pharmacy graduate from the University of Queensland. In Tom's capacity as pharmacist he has worked for the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, followed by five years with the Royal Australian Air Force predominantly based in the Northern Territory. Tom has also worked as an equity advisor and trained with the National Critical Care Trauma Response Centre based at Royal Darwin Hospital. He is currently in his third year of medicine at Melbourne and will undertake his Master of Public Health in 2020 graduating with the dual MD/MPH in 2021.

AIDA would like to thank immediate past Directors, Dr Jonathan Newchurch, Dr Jordan Cory, Dr Melissa Carroll and Mr Ben Jones for their service to AIDA through their governance and representative work, and wish them well in their future endeavours as Indigenous doctors.

AIDA looks forward to being governed by such a strong and accomplished group of people, guiding AIDA in its journey to be a unique and valuable voice within the Australian health care system.

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