



# AIDA

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### AIDA announces its new Board

At the September 2018 Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) Annual General Meeting, the AIDA membership voted in its new Board members. This has resulted in some significant changes to the organisation's executive leadership.

Dr Kristopher Rallah-Baker was elected as President, stepping up from his previous role as AIDA Vice-President. Dr Rallah-Baker is a Yuggera/Warangu/ Birrigubba/Juru man from Brisbane and has been a member of AIDA since 1997.

Dr Rallah-Baker announced, "As President I plan to build on the strategic development of AIDA with a structural reform, continue to grow our membership, and work towards future financial independence."

Associate Professor Shannon Springer was elected as the AIDA Vice President. He has links to Yuibera (Mackay) Country and now lives on the Gold Coast. Associate Professor Springer states that he has "a passion for Indigenous primary health care, medical education and community development."

The remaining three Director positions were filled by Dr Sarah Jane McEwan – a Wiradjuri woman who currently resides in Port Headland, WA; Dr Keith Gleeson – a Biripi/Daingutti man from Taree, NSW; and Mr Benjamin Jones – a proud Murrawarri man who is in his third year studying medicine at the University of NSW.

AIDA also welcomes back Ms Anita Mills for another year of service as the interim CEO. Ms Mills brings a wealth of corporate knowledge and strength to the organisation, hoping to reinvigorate AIDA. Ms Mills acknowledges and thanks her predecessor Mr Craig Dukes for his leadership, mentoring and guidance over the last two years.

Ms Mills says "I would like to thank all the previous Board members who stood down at the 2018 AGM. Their hard efforts over the years is remarkable and the difference they have made is outstanding."

AIDA would like to congratulate all new Board members on their roles and thanks all Board nominees.

More information regarding AIDA and the Board election can be found on the following website:  
[www.aida.org.au](http://www.aida.org.au)

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