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AIDA announces new Board of Directors

Following the 2020 Annual General Meeting on Saturday 31 October 2020, the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) is pleased to announce the new Board of Directors.

Dr Tanya Schramm, President

Dr Tanya Schramm, a Palawa woman, has been elected as the AIDA President. Tanya is a former AIDA Board member, a General Practitioner and also works for the University of Tasmania as a senior lecturer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

"It is an honour to lead an organisation which I have been part of since its foundation. I look forward to leading AIDA with a powerful voice and ensuring that voice is heard at the table when decisions are being made about the health outcomes of our people and communities," she said.

Other Board appointments are:

Dr Simone Raye, Vice President

Dr Simone Raye is a proud Bardi Jabbar Jabbar woman from the Kimberley. Simone was closely involved with the initial meetings that led to the formation of AIDA. Simone hopes to strengthen relationships with specialty colleges to help First Nations students and trainees achieve Fellowship and be leaders within their chosen field.

Dr Robert Blackley, Director

Dr Robert Blackley is a Bwgcolman man from Palm Island. He has over twenty years in public administration and public policy, he is a former Mayor of Palm Island, and has worked as a Ministerial policy advisor and community development leader. He has been actively involved in men's, youth and charity groups. Dr Blackley began his health journey as a paramedic and is currently undertaking his internship at Darwin Hospital. He is committed to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Dr Glenn Harrison, Director

Dr Glenn Harrison is a Wotjobaluk man from Western Victoria. Glenn undertakes clinical duties as a Senior Staff Specialist / Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Royal Melbourne Hospital and Epworth Geelong. Dr Harrison wants to develop the Indigenous workforce, expand specialty training opportunities and improve Indigenous health outcomes and equity.

Associate Professor Jaquelyne Hughes, Director

Associate Professor Jaquelyne Hughes is a Torres Strait Islander woman currently practising in Darwin as a specialist physician (nephrology) and undertaking clinical research. She is committed to good corporate governance, transparency in decision making, and collaborative strategy.

Dr Nathan Luies, Director

Dr Nathan Luies is a proud Karajarri and Yawuru descendent currently working in Canberra at the Australian Institute of Sport. As a Sports and Exercise Medicine Registrar Nathan hopes to utilise sport and exercise to promote better health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. He is passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of Indigenous communities and is committed to being a strong advocate for Indigenous doctors and students.

Dr Keith Gleeson, Director

Keith is a Biripi/Daingutti man and enters his second consecutive term as an AIDA director. Dr Gleeson is keen to continue the work of the previous board, such as the AIDA Constitutional review, AIDA Strategic Plan and AIDA corporate governance.

Dr Ngaree Blow – Continuing Director

Dr Ngaree Blow, a Yorta-Yorta/Noonuccal/ Goreng-Goreng woman, continues her term as an AIDA Director. Ngaree is the Director of First Nations Health for medical education at the University of Melbourne, and in 2020, Ngaree has been working with the COVID-19 response team as a Public Health registrar in the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.

Ms Ella Ceolin, Student Director

Ella Ceolin is a proud Yirrganydji/Djabuguy, Wulgurukaba woman and joins the Board as the Student Director. Ella is currently studying medicine at the University of Queensland. Using her leadership skills developed on the AIDA Student Representative Committee, Ella hopes to grow the student network and expand AIDA’s community outreach efforts.

Dr Dawn Casey PSM FAHA, Board Appointed Director

Dr Dawn Casey PSM FAHA also joins the AIDA Board under clause 46(e)(v) of the AIDA constitution. Dawn is a descendant of the Tagalaka clan from Croydon in North Queensland. She is currently the Chief Operating Officer of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO). Dr Casey has chaired the Indigenous Land Corporation and Indigenous Business Australia, and has an extensive history working in leadership roles for Commonwealth and State governments across the health, family and community services, education and arts sectors.

AIDA would like to thank outgoing board members, Associate Professor Kris Rallah-Baker, (President), Associate Professor Shannon Springer, (Vice-President) Dr Artiene Tatian (Director), Dr Sarah-Jane McEwan (Director) and Mr Tom Mylne (Student Director) for their service to AIDA through their governance and representative work, and wish them well in their future endeavours as Indigenous doctors.

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