



## Election of President-elect

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## Dr Julian KELLY

I am standing for election as President-Elect because the College requires decisive and substantial change.

I am unaffiliated with any current or past faction within the College. My priority is the membership – trainees and physicians alike – and the patients we serve.

My platform reflects a commitment to returning the College to the issues confronting our 30,000-strong membership at the coal face every day. The College's core functions are to train physicians, maintain professional standards across a career, and advocate on behalf of members and patients.

In addition to those available in my previous statements, my priorities if elected include:

- **Not just a return to civil behaviour at the Board level, but to *collegiate* behaviour.** For too long the College has been beset by factionalism. This constitutes the greatest and most serious impediment to effective functioning of the College in its history, and any agenda I present to members will count for nothing unless and until it is fixed. Members are sick of it. I will fix it.
- **Reduction in membership fees** for trainees and part-time Fellows, with indexation of future rises. *Members question the value of fees that rise yearly without explanation or justification. College expenditure will be reviewed, outcomes reported to members, and fees reduced.*
- **Reinvestment of savings** into training quality, supervision, and policy advocacy. *Members are not interested in flashy office tower facilities and expensive coffee machines. I will work towards a reduction in operating expenses and reinvestment in core College business.*
- **Strong advocacy** on educational mandates, training, and supervision responsibilities. *Onerous CPD requirements are out of touch with the realities of those working 60 hours a week or more. Requirements must be proportionate and reflect the demands of practising physicians.*

As a candidate, I am completely independent of the current state of Board affairs and will bring fresh energy and unencumbered thinking to the President-Elect position.

I am standing to support the renewal of the College – and to ensure that renewal is accountable to the membership.

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## A/Prof Martin HISCOCK

Voting ends soon.

A/Prof Martin Hiscock  
President-Elect Candidate

My intentions if elected:

- discounted fees to 2k for all
- forums on best practice
- sponsored networking events
- relevant CPD apps
- support helplines
- celebrating more Members with awards
- more flexible training options

Nothing reasonable off the table including a College of Paediatricians.

Voting link: <https://netvote.com.au/692>

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There has also been discussion about introducing new pathways where selected fellows would determine who may stand for election to senior leadership positions within the College. This is unnecessary and undemocratic.

In my view, the current Constitution of our College is working well. It ensures that the ultimate authority rests with the membership. Members have just exercised that authority at the EGM.

There is no need to alter our governance arrangements to allow a small group of Board Directors to remove the Chair from that role including the President or President-Elect, by internal vote.

Under Australian Corporations law, election of Directors or Presidents is a matter for the full membership or shareholders. I believe this principle is sound and is the right way to run an association such as ours. Members should always have the final say.

If elected as President-Elect and Board Director, I pledge to act as a collegial, cooperative, and considerate member of the leadership team. It is past time for adversarial and combative styles of decision-making to give way to a more consensual, respectful approach within senior leadership. I also offer my support to the incoming President, Dr Sharmila Chandran, to work constructively with her to move the College forward.

There is much to be hopeful about, and better days lie ahead for our college. I look forward to working with colleagues to help make this possible.

Dr Philip Morris AM

MBBS, BSc(med), FChAM(RACP), FRANZCP

Nominator      Dr Sharmila Chandran

Seconder        Prof John Saunders

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