

Media Statement

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HISA AND ACHI TO MERGE AND FORM THE AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE OF DIGITAL HEALTH

A new peak body for digital health will be launched in February 2020 following a 'Yes' vote by members of HISA and ACHI to unite and form the Australasian Institute of Digital Health.

More than 89% of HISA Members and ACHI Fellows and Members voted in favour of the proposal to merge and launch the new organisation.

It follows several months of consultation with Members, Fellows and health sector stakeholders.

The Australasian Institute of Digital Health will launch officially on 24 February 2020 and cater for the broad digital health community of health informaticians, clinicians, Fellows, executives, students, researchers, technologists, industry and healthcare organisations.

HISA Chair Dr David Hansen said a new interim Board would meet early in the New Year to discuss the transition arrangements.

"HISA Members will automatically become members of the new Institute, whether as individuals or organisationally," he said.

"Over the next two months, we will be working to prepare for the formal launch of the Australasian Institute of Digital Health, with a new online presence and membership drive to build on our current strong membership base and broaden our reach," he said.

ACHI Chair Angela Ryan thanked Members and Fellows for engaging in the voting process and said all ACHI Members and Fellows would receive communications around transition arrangements.

"ACHI is looking forward to forming the Interim Board with HISA in the new year and start setting the strategic direction of the Institute," she said.

The interim Board comprises independent Chair Michael Walsh, and Board Members Dr Jen Bichel-Findlay (nominated by HISA); Dr Kerry Butler-Henderson (nominated by ACHI); Leigh Donoghue (nominated by HISA); HISA Chair David Hansen; Dr Inga Hunter (nominated by ACHI); David Rowlands (nominated by HISA); ACHI President Angela Ryan; Peter Williams (nominated by ACHI).

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