

News Release

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The Institute has welcomed leading digital health executive and Fellow of the Institute Bettina McMahon into the role of Board Chair.



Bettina is well known to most of the digital health community as the face of the Australian Digital Health Agency while interim chief executive and before that as the Chief Operating Officer.

Bettina is the second Chair of the Institute, following the departure of Michael Walsh. Michael had led the Institute since its launch in February 2020 after the merger of the Health Informatics Society of Australia and the Australasian College of Health Informatics.

Vice Chairs Dr David Hansen and Angela Ryan thanked Michael for his leadership during the foundational year of the Institute, saying the Institute was strategically positioned to continue growing and delivering benefits to Fellows and Members in 2021 and beyond.

Angela Ryan said: “Having worked with Bettina at the ADHA for nearly four years I can attest to her leadership working right across the digital health ecosystem to drive widespread adoption and use of digital health systems. Bettina is well-placed to build on Michael Walsh’s leadership, and provide ongoing stewardship to the Institute as digital health continues to play a vital and expanding role in the delivery of health and care, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Dr David Hansen said: “Michael and Bettina are two of Australia’s leading advocates for the digital transformation of healthcare and them taking on the role of chair so early in the life of the new Institute helped ensure recognition for the position the Institute holds in the digital health landscape.

“I’d like to thank Michael for his leadership through what has been a remarkable first year and welcome Bettina to the board. It’s great to have such wonderfully strong supporters!”, Dr Hansen said.

Two new digital health professionals were elected to the Board. They are Dr Wendy Chapman, Director of the Centre for Digital Transformation of Health, University of Melbourne, and Dr Monica Trujillo, Senior Director, CMO and CCIO, Cerner Corporation.

They replace outgoing Board members the University of Tasmania's Dr Kerryn Butler-Henderson and Peter Williams from Oracle.

Meet the Institute Board leadership team [here](#).