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CPA Australia appoints Directors and Office Bearers

CPA Australia today announced appointments to the CPA Australia Board of Directors as well as the election of a new President and Chairman plus two Deputy Presidents.

Three current Directors, Ms Merran Kelsall FCPA, Ms Rosemary Sinclair AM FCPA and Ms Helen Lorigan, have been reappointed to CPA Australia's Board for a three-year term commencing 1 October 2020.

Ms Merran Kelsall has been elected as President and Chairman to succeed Mr Peter Wilson AM FCPA, who on 30 September completes his maximum term in accordance with CPA Australia's Constitution of three consecutive years as President. Mr Wilson will continue as a Director.

Ms Kelsall is a highly respected Director at a number of mutual and member-based organisations and has served as a Director and Deputy President of CPA Australia since joining the Board in 2017.

Mr Ric De Santi FCPA and Professor Dale Pinto FCPA have been elected as Deputy Presidents.

The full Board is as follows:

- Merran Kelsall FCPA, President and Chairman
- Ric De Santi FCPA, Deputy President
- Professor Dale Pinto FCPA, Deputy President
- Louise Cox FCPA, Director
- Robyn Erskine FCPA, Director
- Helen Lorigan, Director
- Rosemary Sinclair AM FCPA, Director
- Peter Wilson AM FCPA, Director
- Su-Yen Wong, Director

Mr Chin Aik Wong retires as a Director on 30 September and CPA Australia sincerely thanks him for the significant contribution he has made to the organisation as Director and Deputy President since his appointment in October 2017.

In accordance with CPA Australia's Constitution, the Appointments Council, comprising members elected from CPA Australia's Divisional Councils, made the new Director appointments. Membership of the Appointments Council and the Council Charter can be viewed on CPA Australia's [website](#).

Biographies of all Directors can be found on CPA Australia's [website](#). Reappointed Director biographies are below.



Merran Kelsall FCPA, President and Chairman of the Board
BCom (Hons) FCA MBA FAICD F Fin

Merran served as Deputy President of CPA Australia for three years from October 2017. She has a portfolio of independent directorships, with over 20 years' experience on numerous boards and committees in the private and public sectors.

Merran has considerable expertise in corporate governance, finance, audit, risk and compliance. She is particularly focused on aligning performance management with strategy, and in financial and non-financial external reporting to include strategy and risk management. Her main interest is organisations with a strong focus on outcomes for members, stakeholders and the public interest.

She operated in public practice for 20 years, including 10 years as a partner at BDO. Her industry experience includes financial and professional services, insurance, health, retail, education, contract management and major infrastructure projects.

Her current appointments include Director RACV Ltd, Deputy Chair of Melbourne Water Corporation, Director of CareSuper and TarraWarra Museum of Art. Merran is also a Professor of Practice in the School of Accounting at the UNSW Business School. Her former appointments include Chairman & CEO, Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, Member International Auditing & Assurance Standards Board, Director of National Gallery of Victoria and Council of RMIT University.

Rosemary Sinclair AM FCPA, Director
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Rosemary Sinclair has extensive experience at CEO and Senior Executive level in the communications, media, publishing, higher education and energy sectors. Roles have included significant stakeholder engagement responsibilities as CEO of the Australian Telecommunications Users Group, Director of External Relations for the Australian Business School UNSW, inaugural CEO of Energy Consumers Australia, and currently CEO of .au Domain Administration.

Rosemary's Board level experience spans private sector companies, public sector and not-for-profit organisations and includes roles as member or Chair of Audit and Risk Committees for more than 20 years. Rosemary has international Board experience in telecommunications and internet policy development committees.

Rosemary was a Member (part-time) of the Australian Communications and Media Authority from 2013 to 2018 and was a Director of the Board and Chair of the Risk and Audit Committee of the Wests Tigers Rugby League Football Club from 2014- 2017.

Rosemary was made a Member of the Order of Australia in June 2018 for significant service to business, particularly through leadership and administrative roles in the telecommunications industry.



**Helen Lorigan, Director
BCom GAICD SF Fin**

Helen was appointed as a Venture Partner of Sapien Ventures, a venture capital company with partners based in Sydney, Silicon Valley, Melbourne and Shanghai, in April 2017. Helen originally commenced as an Executive-in-Residence at Sapien Ventures in February 2016 which led to her subsequent appointment to three fintech company Advisory Boards: HashChing, Investfit and Moroku.

Helen is currently leading a number of key initiatives across superannuation, self-directed advice, digital platforms and funds management which involve the identification, sourcing and curating of high quality fintech and online marketplace start-ups for potential investment.

Helen has previously held the position of CEO of Elders Financial Planning, formed as a Joint Venture between ANZ and Elders, an Australian global agricultural corporation, in 2009 after initially commencing with Elders as General Manager, Wealth Management in 2006. She has also held senior executive leadership roles in superannuation, funds management and banking with the ANZ Group, CBA and MLC.

Helen holds a Bachelor of Commerce from UNSW, is a Graduate of the AICD, a Senior Fellow of FINSIA and has served as a Director, Responsible Manager and Advisory Board member on nine financial services Boards and Australian Financial Services Licences. In 2017, Helen was invited by the UNSW Business School to become an Alumni Leader and in 2019, she was appointed as a Director of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia. In 2020, Helen was appointed as a member of the Finance Committee of the Board of the SP Jain School of Global Management.

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