
MEDIA RELEASE



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New CPA Australia Directors announced

The Appointments Council of CPA Australia has now concluded its processes for 2019, by determining new appointments to the CPA Australia Board of Directors. One new Director has been appointed and two current Directors reappointed to CPA Australia's Board.

The new Director is Ms Louise Cox. Mr Peter Wilson and Ms Robyn Erskine have been reappointed to the Board.

Each Director has been appointed for a three-year term commencing 1 October 2019.

They will join existing Directors:

- Merran Kelsall FCPA, Deputy President
- Chin Aik Wong FCPA, Deputy President
- Ric De Santi FCPA, Director
- Helen Lorigan, Director
- Professor Dale Pinto FCPA, Director
- Rosemary Sinclair CPA, Director
- Su-Yen Wong, Director

Biographies of existing Directors can be found on CPA Australia's [website](#).

Ms Caroline Spencer did not seek reappointment to the Board and CPA Australia sincerely thanks her for the significant contribution she made to the organisation since her appointment in October 2017.

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

Appointed Director Biographies

Louise Cox FCPA

BBus(Mgt), BBus(Accy), LLB(Hons), GradDipLegalPrac, LLM, MTax

Louise Cox is a well-respected accountant and lawyer with more than 30 years' experience as a Chief Executive Officer, General Manager and Non-Executive Director across the legal, accounting, architecture, education and mental health sectors. Louise is currently Chief Operating Officer of the leading architectural practice Thomson Adsett.



As an experienced Board member, Louise has served in a range of roles including Chair, Deputy Chair, Chair of Finance and Risk, and Chair of Governance in various commercial, public sector and not-for-profit boards.

Currently, Louise is Chair of Open Minds Australia and the Griffith University Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics Advisory Committee. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Caxton Legal Centre and a member of the QUT School of Accountancy Advisory Board.

Having previously served as a Director of TAFE Queensland, Thomson Adsett and as a member and Chair of the Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE Council, Louise brings strong corporate governance experience to the Board. She has been active with CPA Australia as a member of the Public Practice Advisory Committee and served for five years as a member of the Queensland Divisional Council, including as its President in 2012.

Peter Wilson AM FCPA

BCom (Hons) MA (Melb) FCPHR FAICD FCIPD (UK)

Peter Wilson has served as President and Chairman of CPA Australia since October 2017 and is Chairman of the Australian HR Institute Limited. He is a non-executive director of Vision Super.

Peter is an Adjunct Professor in Management at the Monash Business School, Monash University, Melbourne, and is an accredited PhD Supervisor at the Latrobe Business School, Latrobe University.

He has honorary roles as the Chairman of the Australian Network on Disability, and the Advisory Council of the Victorian Institute of Strategic Economic Studies at Victoria University.

Peter held senior executive roles in the Commonwealth and Victorian Treasuries, and group executive roles at ANZ Bank, Amcor Limited, and as CEO of Energy 21. He has held non-executive director appointments on Boards of Dalgety Farmers Ltd, Kimberly-Clark Australia, and the Commonwealth Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission as Chairman.

Peter Wilson was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2005 for services to workplace relations and safety and community service, and was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2004.

Robyn Erskine FCPA

BBus CA RITF

Robyn is a partner in Brooke Bird, a specialist restructuring insolvency and turnaround firm and has been actively involved in the public practice sector for over 30 years.

Robyn was Deputy President of CPA Australia's Victorian Divisional Council in 2017, and in 2019 will finish her six-year term on the Council. Robyn has previously served on the Victorian Public Practice Committee and the Insurance Committee. In 2014 Robyn was awarded the Henry Fox Award for outstanding service to Public Practice in Victoria.

In January 2015, Robyn was appointed to the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Small and Medium Practices Committee on the nomination of CPA Australia and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. She is currently the Deputy Chair of this committee and the Chair of its Ethics Task Force.

In 2011 Robyn became the first female to be appointed as the National President of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Australia, now known as the Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association (ARITA), and served as a director of ARITA until May 2019. In 2017 Robyn was awarded Life Membership to ARITA for long, dedicated and distinguished service to ARITA and the Profession.

Robyn is a current councilor of the Australian Institute of Credit Management's Victorian Tasmanian Division.

About CPA Australia

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