



# NACCHO

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

## Media Release

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### **Aboriginal Medical Services welcome new College of General Practitioners President**

Ms Dea Delaney-Thiele, Chief Executive Officer of NACCHO\*, the national peak body for Aboriginal medical services, has welcomed the election of a new president of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and looks forward to continuing the close working relationship between the two organisations.

“I congratulate Dr Christopher Mitchell on the honour of being elected by his peers to be the new RACGP president and thank the outgoing President, Dr Vasantha Preetham for her great work and support for NACCHO’s aims” Ms Delaney-Thiele said.

“The College has earned the respect of government and health stakeholders for its work generally representing GPs and striving to improve the health of Australians.

“NACCHO has particularly appreciated its cooperation on initiatives to improve Aboriginal health and the College’s support for the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector.

“In our sector General Practitioners have an essential role as part of multi-disciplinary teams delivering primary health care which is so important in closing the 17 year indigenous life expectancy gap.

“The College has played a valued role in the Close the Gap coalition campaign and I look forward to continuing the relationship with Dr Mitchell as the new RACGP president” Ms Delaney-Thiele said.

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