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**THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF AUSTRALIA
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Today the Council of The Royal Institution of Australia is announcing that after six years in the role, Assoc Prof Paul Willis will be concluding his term as Director at the end of July.

The Council recognises the significant role played by Paul in helping to transition the institution over the past six years, and the professionalism and energy with which Assoc Prof Paul Willis has fulfilled his duties as Director.

“There is no doubt that the organisation today is very different from when Paul commenced as Director in April 2011. We now have a very clear path of digital outreach following the release of Australia’s Science Channel into the public domain. The Council wishes to formally express its appreciation for what Paul has achieved”, said Peter Yates AM, Chairman of The Royal Institution of Australia.

“I am very proud of the Team for what we have achieved during my time at The Royal Institution of Australia” said Assoc Prof Willis. “The launch of Australia’s Science Channel is the single most significant development in the landscape of science communication in recent times – and I am proud that we have been able to get so far”.

The Council will review the organisational structure in the coming months with a view to making an announcement in the near future.

All inquiries to be directed to Bradley Abraham, General Manager, 0412 126 566.

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