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NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF AUSTRALIA

Dow Australia President and Managing Director, Karen Dobson and South Australia's Chief Scientist, Professor Caroline McMillen will join the Council of The Royal Institution of Australia.

The Chairman of The Royal Institution of Australia, Mr Peter Yates AM welcomed Karen Dobson and Prof McMillen saying, 'I am delighted to welcome Karen and Prof McMillen to the Council. Both are highly respected and experienced within their fields and will make a significant contribution to the future of The Royal Institution of Australia'.

'Karen Dobson's extensive international commercial experience will be invaluable as we seek to ensure increased engagement between industry and scientists to share sound scientific knowledge. She is also an outstanding role model in diverse careers in STEM within industry', said Mr Yates.

'Professor McMillen is a great advocate of science and science communication and is passionate about encouraging gender equity in STEM. She is an excellent role model for women in STEM and we were honoured to induct her as an Honorary Bragg Member of the Institution in 2015', said Mr Yates.

In announcing the appointments, Mr Yates acknowledged the retirement on inaugural Council Member Prof John Yovich. "John was an part of the initial establishment of The Royal Institution of Australia, and we depended upon his drive and vision to help get us off the ground. He has stepped down after 10 years of service and on behalf of the Council and Members, I would like to formally acknowledge John and thank him for his amazing contribution".

Professor McMillen and Karen Dobson will join other prominent Council Members including Dr Gregory Clark, Sir Rod Eddington AO, Mr David Knox, Professor Lyn Beazley AO, Mr Tony Clark, and Mr Will Berryman.

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