



NATA announces changes to Board at AGM

13 October, 2021 Sydney – The National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) today held its 2021 Annual General Meeting and confirmed a number of changes to its Board of Directors.

Dr Sanmarié Schlebusch, Staff Specialist Microbiology/Clinical Microbiologist for Forensic and Scientific Services, Health Support Queensland, was endorsed by Members as the Board's nominated appointee and Vice Chair.

In a Member vote prior to the meeting, Giacomo Collica, Managing Director of Emission Assessments Pty Ltd and a recognised industry leader in air emission monitoring applications, was elected and joined the NATA Board effective at the conclusion of the AGM.

The term of Agnes Tan, a Director since 2018 and a NATA Technical Assessor for more than 35 years, concluded at the end of the meeting.

And Dr Lawrence Bott, President of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia (RCPA) and a NATA Director since 2019, announced his resignation from the Board. The Board's Nomination Subcommittee will convene in coming weeks to consider co-opting a replacement for Dr Bott.

NATA is a Not-for-Profit member organisation. Its AGM was held virtually via Zoom and included acceptance of NATA's audited [Annual Report](#) for the financial year ended June 30, 2021, which is now available on nata.com.au, and a review of the past 12 months highlighted by the ongoing impact of COVID-19 pandemic.

NATA Chairman David Turner said: "I wish to thank our talented team of Board Members for their contribution and highlight the excellent working relationship the Board has with the NATA Management team which has allowed the organisation to navigate the challenges posed by COVID.

"I would also like to congratulate Sanmarié on her reappointment and Giacomo on his appointment to the Board."

Chief Executive Officer Jennifer Evans said: "NATA is proud to have played a pivotal role in the COVID pandemic providing accreditation services for SARS-CoV-2 testing, including free scope extensions for laboratories with existing competency and accreditation for other laboratories pivotal to Australia's pandemic response such as those testing PPE and hand sanitiser.

"Like many organisations facing the challenges of the COVID pandemic NATA has had to innovate. Our offices have remained open and we have continued to provide accreditation services on-site, remote (virtually) and also in a hybrid model of on-site and virtual. We continue to listen to our members and adapt our processes based on experiences and feedback.

"The past 12 months has also been a time of transformation for NATA as we set up our business to better serve and meet the changing needs of our members for the future. We will continue this into 2022, which also marks NATA's 75th year in operation."

Evans also spoke about the NATA's new three-year strategic plan and four key projects:

- To develop a streamlined, customer focused assessment approach
- To drive sustainable growth
- To significantly lift NATA's visibility and messaging
- To drive an adaptable, commercially aware culture

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National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) provides accreditation for laboratories to ensure testing results can be relied on and trusted. As Australia's sole internationally recognised accreditation authority, NATA's role is to uphold the national standards of technical competence for those delivering products or services to the general public. Through its extensive network, NATA provides assessment, accreditation and training services to laboratories and technical facilities.

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