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Respected former AHPRA executive to be ANZCA's new CEO

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists today (Wednesday July 15) announced the appointment of Mr John Ilott as its new chief executive officer.

Mr Ilott is an experienced CEO and senior executive who was a key player in the formal establishment of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in 2010 where he was the Director of Finance and Corporate (2009-2014).

He has headed several other organisations including the Victorian branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, the Victorian division of St John of God Pathology, and hospital management company Healthcare Management Services.

He also has vast experience in public and private hospitals as chief executive or general manager at Wangaratta District Base Hospital, St Andrew's Private Hospital (Ipswich) and the Mater Hospital (Rockhampton). More recently he has been a consultant in business development.

Mr Ilott said it was a privilege to be joining ANZCA as CEO. "I have worked closely with the medical profession throughout my career and without exception I have enjoyed the close working relationships that have developed," he said.

"I am excited by the opportunity to lead this prestigious organisation and to continue the strong and visionary leadership of the profession."

ANZCA President, Dr Genevieve Goulding, said Mr Ilott had strong skills in leadership, change management and corporate governance and had built sound relationships with government, the health professions and other stakeholders.

"John has a strong commitment to service and quality and an open collaborative style," she said. "He is an experienced CEO and senior executive and has an extensive background in both the private and public health sector."

Mr Ilott starts at the College on September 28 and replaces Ms Linda Sorrell who retired from fulltime work on July 3.

Dr Goulding thanked Ms Sorrell for her contribution to the College.

"In nearly four years Linda oversaw many changes including the roll-out of the College's biggest project, the 2013 revised ANZCA curriculum, the introduction of the revised continuing professional development (CPD) program the revised FPM curriculum and was a highly visible ambassador for the College," Dr Goulding said.

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