

Professional Standards Forum

**Thursday, 14 October
2021**

9am – 12.30pm AEDT

Online event using Zoom

Register by **7 October 2021**



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Panel session

9am – 10.15 am AEDT

**Continuing professional
development in the
regulation of
professional standards**

Refreshment break

Workshop sessions

**10:30 am – 12.30 pm
AEDT**

**Education and its role in
assuring the credentials,
conduct and competence
of professionals**



Panel Session

CPD in the regulation of professional standards

Two distinguished speakers will lead a conversation on the role of continuing professional development in professional standards and regulatory systems for assuring the ongoing competence of practitioners for better consumer protection.



Pam Montgomery, Professional Standards Councils

Pam Montgomery will share insights from the Councils on continuing occupational education and regulatory strategies, the importance of ongoing competence to consumer protection, and ensuring continuing professional development programs are responsive to professional risk and community expectations.

Dr Montgomery has many years' experience in developing and improving professional standards in the health sector. In addition to her statutory appointment to the Councils, she currently holds Board positions with the Medical Board of Australia, the Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety and community groups. Dr Montgomery was Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Director of Fellowship & Standards at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. She trained initially as a forensic psychologist and worked in private and public clinical practice, and at Monash University.



Chris Humphreys, independent consultant to Victorian Legal Services Board + Commissioner

Chris Humphreys will share the 'Getting the Point?' report on how the continuing professional development system in Victoria will be improved to enable the legal profession to have meaningful, relevant and accessible learning opportunities that enrich the quality of legal services provided to the Victorian community.

Mr Humphreys is a qualified lawyer who has practised in the private, community law and public sectors. He worked for the Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety for over 25 years, principally in policy roles, and was awarded a Public Service Medal in 2017 for his work on civil law reform and human rights. He was also responsible for the Victorian Government Legal Services Panel.

Beyond CPD - education and its role in assuring the credentials, conduct and competence of professionals

The workshop provides participants with an opportunity to hear about developments in micro-credentialling, engagement with higher education providers, and how regulators and professions have developed CPD to respond to emerging risks. Participants will join a presenter in a breakout room for an in-depth discussion of the challenges and benefits involved in each of these areas.

Workshop Session

Ruth Ferraro, Australian Council of Professions

Dr Ferraro will present and lead a discussion on association engagement with higher education providers through information sharing and course accreditation processes and requirements, and alignment of learning and professional outcomes. Dr Ferraro is Head of Professionalism and Ethics at the Australian Council of Professions, with over 20 years in executive roles delivering education in membership bodies across multiple professions (education, medical specialisations, accounting, law and financial planning).



Asheley Jones, Australian Council of Professions

Dr Jones will present and lead a discussion on what micro-credentialling can offer professionals and professions. Dr Jones is a higher education and professional development design and implementation consultant. Previously, the Head of Education and Workforce Development for the Australian Computer Society, Dr Jones is currently Head of Education, Micro-Credentials & Accreditation at the Australian Council of Professions.



Vicki Coles, The Law Society of Western Australia

Ms Coles will present and lead a discussion on how the Law Society of Western Australia, via Law Mutual WA, focuses continuing professional development programs on needs arising from issues identified in claims and risk profiling. Ms Coles is an experienced corporate governance and risk management professional, specialising in creating tailored governance and risk management solutions to assist law firms to embed sound corporate governance and professional liability risk management principles to build a risk-aware culture. Ms Coles is the Co-ordinator of the Law Society's Professional Standards Scheme and Manager Risk, Law Mutual WA.

