



Media Release

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New Chair for Australian Hearing

Dr Rae Cooper commenced as the new Chair of Australian Hearing on 22 October 2011.

Dr Cooper is a Senior Lecturer in Economics and Business at the University of Sydney Business School, has a PhD in Economics (Industrial Relations) and is an expert on women's employment issues and education. Her research on industrial relations and gender and work has been published in leading international and Australian journals.

Steven Grundy, Managing Director of Australian Hearing said, "Dr Cooper's background includes a wealth of experience and expertise including being a Board Director of the NSW TAFE Commission, the NSW Rural Assistance Authority and Deputy Chair of the Premier's Expert Advisory Council on Women."

"Hearing loss currently affects one in six people in Australia and with an ageing population; hearing loss is projected to increase to one in every four Australians by 2050," Mr Grundy said.

"Under Dr Cooper's leadership I am confident that Australian Hearing will continue to provide world-leading services to support the ever increasing needs of people with hearing loss," Mr Grundy said.

Dr Cooper today said, "I am delighted to have been appointed to work in such an important and respected organisation as Australian Hearing. I am looking forward to working with the Directors, staff and stakeholders of the organisation in the coming years."

After serving more than five years on the board of Australian Hearing, Kathryn Greiner will depart as Chairman of Australian Hearing.

Mr Grundy credited the work Ms Greiner had done in contributing to Australian Hearing's position as one of the leading hearing service providers in the nation.

"Despite the impact of competition by the entry of sizable international service providers and the effects of the global financial crisis, Australian Hearing has continued to provide outstanding service to both its Government funded Community Service Obligation and Voucher clients in the private sector under the great leadership of Ms Greiner," Mr Grundy said.

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About Australian Hearing

Australian Hearing is a leading hearing service provider and is dedicated to helping people manage their hearing impairment so they have a better quality of life.

Australian Hearing provides a full range of hearing services for children and young people up to the age of 21, Indigenous people aged over 50, eligible adults, aged pensioners, and most war veterans.

To find out more about Australian Hearing visit www.hearing.com.au

To take a free hearing check from the comfort of your home, call Australian Hearing's five-minute telephone hearing service Telscreen on 1800 826 500 and follow the prompts.

About Dr Rae Cooper, BA (Hons) UNSW; PhD (Usyd)

Dr Rachel (Rae) Cooper was appointed Chair of Australian Hearing 22 October 2011. She is currently a Board Director of the NSW TAFE Commission and the NSW Rural Assistance Authority and also a Deputy Chair of the Premier's Expert Advisory Council on Women.

Dr Cooper is Senior Lecturer in the University of Sydney Business School and has been a full time academic since 2000. In this time she has published over 30 articles and chapters on industrial relations and gender and work in leading international and Australian journals. She is currently investigating the negotiation of workplace flexibility for working parents, supported by an Australian Research Council Discovery Grant.



Dr Cooper uses her research expertise to consult for a number of major organisations and regularly advises policy makers on workplace matters.

About Kathryn Greiner, AO

Ms Greiner is a Chairman of BioTech Capital Ltd; member of the Australian Government Funding Schools Review and a Director of the Bell Shakespeare Company. She served as Chairman of Australian Hearing from October 2006 to October 2011.

Ms Greiner's professional career was in social work with extensive experience with NSW Department of Health; the NSW Department of Youth and Community Services and the Institute for Human Resources, Boise Idaho. Ms Greiner has also had a career in media and has been actively involved in a number of not-for-profit organisations, such as the Salvation Army, Save the Children Fund and the Sydney Peace Prize Foundation.

