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ACMHN PRESIDENT APPOINTED MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER

The National Mental Health Commission has announced the appointment of five new mental health commissioners.

The Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (ACMHN) welcomed the appointments and is particularly proud to see Professor Wendy Cross, the President of ACMHN appointed.

Professor Wendy Cross has over 38 years of knowledge and experience in mental health and mental health nursing and holds a number of leadership positions within health and education.

CEO of ACMHN, Kim Ryan said that "this is the first time a mental health nurse has been appointed as a commissioner which is a significant acknowledgement of mental health nursing."

"I do not doubt that Professor Cross will make positive and meaningful contributions to the work of the Commission while being an excellent representative of the profession", Ms Ryan added.

After her appointment, Professor Cross said that "I would like to acknowledge and commend the work and leadership of the outgoing commissioners and I am honoured to be appointed. Mental health nurses across the profession are keen to contribute to the work of the NMHC to realise improvements in the lives of Australians and their families living with mental health problems and for the Australian community generally."

Congratulations are also offered to the other four new high-calibre commissioners, Dr Harvey Whiteford, Professor Ngaire Brown, Professor Helen Milroy and Mr Samuel Hockey for their appointments.
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