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# ANNUAL REPORT

2019

*A summary report of the 2019 strategic activities of the Council of Deans of Nutrition and Dietetics Australia and New Zealand.*

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## Strategic Activity Highlights, 2019

**NEW COUNCIL STAFF POSITION APPOINTED:** Successfully recruited to the new Strategic Projects Manager position, Dr Rachel Boak, 15 hours/week commenced 26 March 2019.

**PROTECTING PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY:** The right to practice as a regulated profession for university educated dietitians and nutritionists was defended through legal action to oppose the trademarking of a logo and the title 'clinical nutritionist' by a provider of nutrition training in a non-evidence-based paradigm. These graduates have no qualifications recognised by government (Medicare) or private health care providers. Co-ordinated by the Council Chair Professor Danielle Gallegos (Queensland University of Technology) and Deputy Chair Professor Eleanor Beck (University of Wollongong) with the Council's Strategic Projects Manager. The opposition to trademark is ongoing and Council is working with the Dietitians Association of Australia in gathering evidence to ensure the title is not trademarked.

**RESPONDED TO FIVE STRATEGIC GOVERNMENT POLICIES:** Submitted five timely and united formal written responses to key Government policies on issues crucial to the teaching, research and practice of nutrition and dietetics. This included an invitation to provide feedback on the [Review of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification \(ANZSRC\)](#). Coordinated by the Council Chair, Deputy Chair, and Strategic Projects Manager.

**PROGRESSED TWO COUNCIL INITIATED RESEARCH PROJECTS:** Led by Professor Helen Truby, Associate Professor Judi Porter (Monash University) and Professor Karen Charlton, Professor Linda Tapsell (University of Wollongong), the Council research project on "Defining the dietetic research priorities in Australia for the period 2020 to 2025" completed data collection and commenced data analysis. Data collection and preliminary analysis for this project was also supported by the Strategic Projects Manager. This year a new Council research project on "Future-proofing the nutrition and dietetic profession in Australasia" has been initiated. The ethics application has been completed and the project timeline is for commencement early in 2020.

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**ESTABLISHING GOVERNANCE FOR COUNCIL RESEARCH PROJECTS:** A research governance statement covering procedures for ethics, intellectual property, students, and authorship, including a formal expression of interest record, has been created and approved by all members of the Council for guiding collaborative research projects.

**ADDRESSED KEY ISSUES IN DAY TO DAY EDUCATION AND ACCREDITATION:** A particular focus has been supporting mental health in dietetic students on placement, through the Nutrition and Dietetics Education and Accreditation Network (NaDEAN) chaired by Professor Lauren Williams (Griffith University).

**PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS RESEARCH:** Increasing the visibility, leadership, advocacy, communication and capacity of nationally and internationally significant nutrition and dietetics research and researchers through establishing and growing a formal Australian and New Zealand Network of Nutrition and Dietetic Research Leaders. Specifically, the newly established Research Leaders Network Steering Group (RLNSG) has established the foundation for these activities. The RLNSG is chaired by Associate Professor Rebecca Golley (Flinders University) and members are Professor Margaret Allman-Farinelli (The University of Sydney); Professor Helen Truby and Professor Judi Porter (Monash University); Professor Karen Charlton and Professor Linda Tapsell (University of Wollongong); and Professor Danielle Gallegos (Queensland University of Technology).

**ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION:** Created a new social media presence and shared two strategic Media Releases. One promoting the new national decadal plan for the science of nutrition and one raising awareness that in Australia and New Zealand the experts in nutrition science are graduates from universities offering recognised qualifications.

## Grant Highlights, 2019

WORKING TO INCREASE NATIONAL RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS: Commenced work towards submitting a National Health and Medical Research Council Targeted Call for Research in 2020. If successful this will increase funding opportunities for nutrition and dietetic research that will benefit the health of Australians. This will also support opportunities for similar strategic research ideas in New Zealand and create potential for cross-Tasman collaborations.

## Looking Ahead, 2020

In 2020 the Council work plan is to continue the following activities:

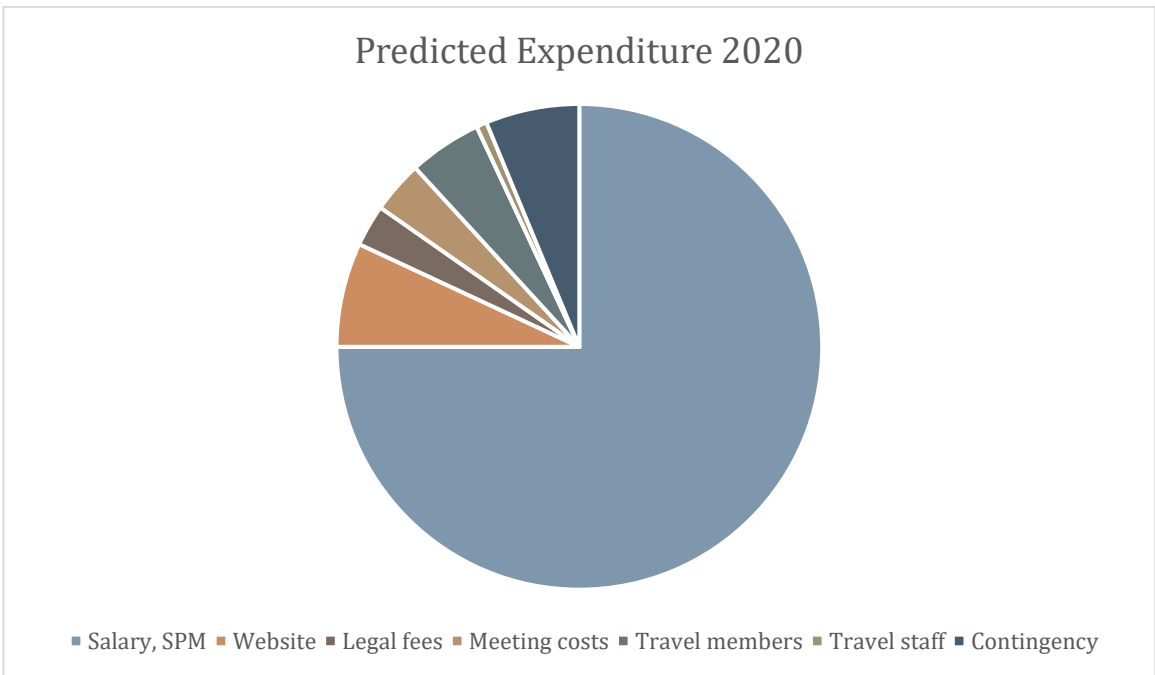
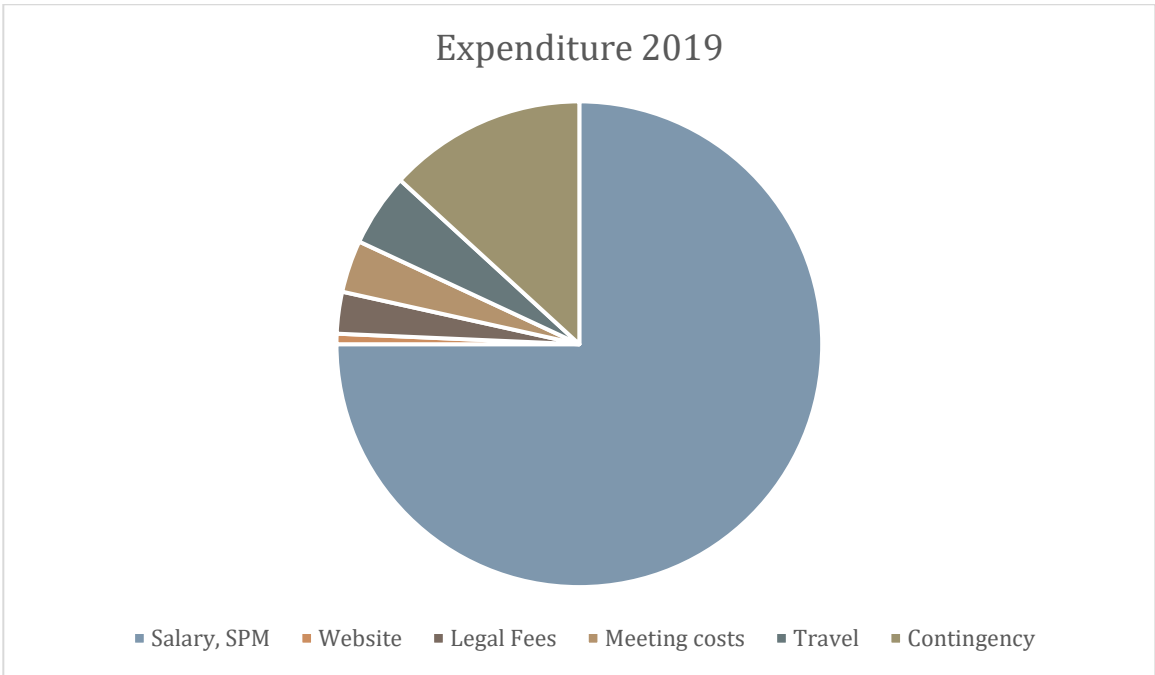
- Strategic policy and issue response work.
- Monitoring and responding to key issues in nutrition and dietetic education and accreditation through NaDEAN.
- Channeling and providing leadership in Nutrition and Dietetics Research through the RLNSG.
- Working to increase important national research funding opportunities in Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Protecting Professional Integrity as the legal opposition to trademark of “Clinical Nutritionist” remains open.
- Increasing social media presence and the Council’s strategic proactive media voice.

Additional Projects for the Council in 2020:

- Commencing and completing ‘phase 1’ of the Council’s research project on “Future-proofing the nutrition and dietetic profession in Australasia”.
- Scanning and applying for appropriate research or education funding grants to support the Council’s mission and work.
- Updating and redesigning the Council website, including a new sign-in area to accommodate collaborative projects including the Research Leaders Network.



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## Expenditure Overview-at-a-glance






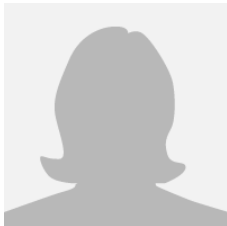





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