



Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health

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New Chair for Trauma and Mental Health Centre

Professor Michael Vitale from Monash University has been appointed as Chair of the Board of Management of the Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to the important work of Australia's leading centre for trauma and mental health," Professor Vitale said.

Professor Vitale's unique combination of corporate and academic experience will be a great asset to the Centre, said Director, Professor Mark Creamer.

"Michael is committed to helping people and businesses meet their full potential, and his experience will be valuable as we expand our trauma and mental health research and consultancy services to a wider range of government, industry and community organisations," Professor Creamer said.

Professor Vitale is a Professor and Director of Commercialisation at the Monash Asia Pacific Centre for Science and Wealth Creation. Professor Vitale's practical experience assisting organisations to gain commercial value from their research and intellectual expertise will be of enormous benefit in his new role, explained Professor Creamer.

"We need to ensure the sustainability of our internationally recognised research, policy and service development activities," Professor Creamer said.

Professor Vitale has a long-standing commitment to the not-for-profit sector and is looking forward to the challenges ahead.

"Unfortunately, I think that the number of Australians likely to go through a traumatic experience will only increase. This summer's bushfires, for example, are a sobering reminder of the unpredictable nature of such incidents," Professor Vitale said.

A former Dean and Director of the Australian Graduate School of Management, Professor Vitale also had a joint professorial appointment at the Melbourne Business School and Australian New Zealand School of Government. Prior to coming to Australia, he was a Fellow at the Ernst & Young Center for Business Innovation in Boston and an Associate Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School.

Professor Vitale replaces Rear Admiral (Ret'd) Simon Harrington, who retired as Chair of the Board of Management in January this year.

"I would like to warmly thank Simon for his guidance and support as Chair over the past three years," Professor Creamer said.

Established in 1995, the Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, at the University of Melbourne, undertakes trauma-related research, policy advice, service development and education.

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