

# Peter Scammells



## Background

- I have been a member of the RACI for over 25 years and a Fellow since 2008.
- I'm currently the Medicinal Chemistry Theme Leader at the Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (which I have led for 19 years) and am also the Associate Dean Research at the Faculty of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University.
- I am an enthusiastic chemistry educator and have served as Course Director for two undergraduate degree programs.
- I am an active researcher with >200 published scientific articles and have mentored over 35 PhD students to the successful completion of their studies.
- I have had close contact and collaborations with industry throughout my career, including a long-term collaboration with GSK and professional placement at Pfizer Global R&D.
- My 4-year term as Chair of the Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology Division is coming to an end and I am keen to continue to make a significant contribution to the organisation that has played an important role in my career.

## RACI Direction

- I believe it is important that the RACI continues to develop programs which support chemistry students and early career researchers as these groups are the future of the organisation.
- To continually seek to improve operational efficiency to ensure that the maximum benefit is delivered to members.
- To take advantage of the increased uptake of video-conferencing and webinar technology beyond the current pandemic to deliver member benefits more widely.
- To ensure longer term strategic plans which focus on recruitment and member benefits are regularly refreshed and enacted.
- To continue to improve the diversity of the membership and events.