



Appointment of Bruce Pollard as Next Master of RMC

After completing an extensive search nationally and internationally, the Board of Robert Menzies College has great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr Bruce Pollard as the next Master of the College. He will succeed Professor Chris Bellenger and take up his appointment in January 2012.

The Chairman of the RMC Board, Dr Robert Mackay, said, "Bruce comes with a rich background in the tertiary education sector, both as an educator and administrator. His experience in leading university colleges will be a great asset at this time in the College's history. He is known for leading a college with a strong focus on community and academic endeavour. Bruce has a great desire to bring his Christian faith and values to bear in all aspects of his life and work."

Bruce worked initially as an auditor in the accounting firm Arthur Andersen & Co before taking up his first university position as a tutor in accounting at the University of New England in 1980. His subsequent academic appointments were at the Australian National University and the Canterbury Business School University of Kent, lecturing in accounting. More recently he has been a senior lecturer in accounting and Associate Dean at the Holmes Institute.

Bruce has a life-long love of and extensive experience in university residential colleges. As an undergraduate he spent four years as a resident of Drummond College at UNE. During his time in Kent he was Master of Eliot College for three years. Upon returning to Australia he was in charge of Bruce, Burton and Garran Halls at ANU. After a restructure of the administration of the university and a rationalisation of the Halls of Residence, he assumed the position of Head of Bruce Hall until January 2005.

Dr Mackay said, "The RMC Board is confident Bruce will continue and extend the exceptional residential experience in the College provided under Professor Christopher Bellenger and his team during the last seven years."

Bruce says, "I am honoured to be appointed as the fifth Master of Robert Menzies College. The College has a long history of being a well managed community of scholars who see the College as a great second home. I am very much looking forward to using my gifts to work with the capable Board and staff of the College to continue this tradition. I also look forward to overseeing the successful integration of one hundred new members living in the new building into the life of the College."

Bruce grew up in country NSW and completed his HSC at Tweed Heads High School. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Economics and a Master of Economics from the University of New England. He has been involved in a wide range of evangelical church ministries in the areas where he has worked both in Australia and the UK. These have included student ministries, church eldership and involvement in missionary organisations.

Bruce is married to Alison who holds a significant administrative position in the School of Education at Macquarie University. As with previous college appointments they will form a formidable partnership in the life of the College. Bruce has a great love of music, being a keen guitarist and he and Alison attend concerts regularly. He describes himself as a keen amateur cook and also enjoys reading and photography.

The College community warmly welcomes Bruce and Alison and looks forward to their involvement in College life.