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Lee Walker appointed President of the Australian Publishers Association

Oxford University Press Australia & New Zealand (OUP ANZ) School Publishing Director Lee Walker has been appointed President of the Australian Publishers Association (APA).

Lee undertakes the position from April 2018 for a term of three years, succeeding Melbourne University Press CEO Louise Adler, who was APA President since 2012.

Lee comes to the position with four years' experience on the APA Board of Directors and more than 25 years working in the Australian educational publishing industry. She was also Convenor of the APA's Schools and Educational Publishers Committee between 2014 and 2018.

Lee said she was honoured to have been appointed to the position. "It is a privilege and a pleasure to be elected as the new President of the Australian Publishers Association," she said.

"I am an experienced and successful publisher and have worked in educational publishing for more than 25 years. Presently, I am the School Publishing Director for Oxford University Press, who I have absolutely loved working for over the past decade.

"As the new President, I follow Louise Adler, who I admire immensely for the exceptional work she has done for the industry, and who I sincerely thank for her support and guidance.

"I am looking forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Board of Directors, who are an incredibly experienced, passionate and committed team of publishing professionals from the trade, educational and scholarly sectors. Together, we will ensure that the APA has the right strategies in place and that it implements the best activity to make the business of publishing easier for all its members."

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Attachment: Lee Walker image

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