

The Australian Stem Cell Centre is the first Australian Biotechnology centre of Excellence

An embryonic stem cell has the unique capacity to renew itself indefinitely.

Stem cells are the body's own biological repair kit.



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Interim Board Appointed to the Australian Stem Cell Centre

Friday, 5 September 2008

Following today's announcement of the resignation of the independent Board of the Australian Stem Cell Centre, the Members of the Centre have appointed an interim board comprising Professor Edwina Cornish, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Monash University, Professor David Siddle Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), University of Queensland and Dr Henry de Azipuria from the Howard Florey Institute.

The interim board will enable the Australian Stem Cell Centre to continue its operations and work closely with the stakeholders and scientists to develop the strategic direction for the Centre.

Discussions about the appointment an independent Chair to work with the Interim Board and Stem Cell Centre staff are underway.

On behalf of all the Members we would like to express our gratitude to Professor Vicki Sara and the outgoing Board for the work they have put into bringing the Centre to the position of scientific excellence it occupies today.

We look forward to working with the Australian Government who support the Australian Stem Cell Centre through the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research and the Australian Research Council to develop a sustainable model for the Centre's future.

Professor Edwina Cornish, Professor David Siddle and Dr Henry De Aizpurua

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About the Australian Stem Cell Centre

The **Australian Stem Cell Centre** is Australia's Biotechnology Centre of Excellence. The ASCC has partnered with leading Australian universities and research institutions, and brings together a critical mass of outstanding Australian stem cell research that is internationally competitive and well regarded.

The ASCC's vision is to undertake research of the highest quality in the stem cell field, in order to discover and ultimately commercialise new therapies for human disease.

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