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Kidney Health Australia Welcomes New CEO

Commencing 8 October 2018, the Kidney Health Australia Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Chris Forbes as Kidney Health Australia's CEO.

Chris has occupied various executive roles including Chief Commercial Officer at Swimming Australia, and Chief Executive Officer at Ticketmaster Australasia. With leadership and CEO experiences across commercial and not-for-profit sectors and proven success in transformation, Chris will ensure the sustainability and growth of Kidney Health Australia.

Chair of Kidney Health Australia, Professor Carol Pollock, said "On behalf of the Board, I am delighted to welcome Chris Forbes to the role of Chief Executive Officer of Kidney Health Australia.

Chris is an accomplished and inspirational leader. He is experienced at growing organisations to achieve their potential; building relationships, and bringing staff, community leaders and the commercial sector on the journey.

"Chris is ideally positioned to lead and build upon Kidney Health Australia's successes from the past 50 years, and to continue to deliver on its ambitious mission 'To save and improve the lives of Australians affected by kidney disease'.

"The Board sincerely thank Dr Lisa Murphy for her role as Interim CEO for the last ten months. The organisation has significantly grown under her leadership and we are immensely grateful for her commitment whilst in the role".

Chris also brings to the position knowledge across commercial and marketing disciplines, as well as a cultural awareness and understanding from the customer's perspective. Chris said "I am driven to reflect those perspectives across Kidney Health Australia's services and programs".

"It is an honour and a privilege to lead an organisation so dedicated to helping those affected by kidney disease.

"I intend to work collaboratively with the chronic disease community and with a range of partners to both prevent kidney disease and provide better health outcomes and quality of life for those affected. Kidney disease is a silent killer, in which you can lose up to 90% of kidney function before symptoms present. It is an imperative that we work with the industry to combat this insidious disease.

"The Board has challenged the organisation to innovate and improve on business sustainability so we can continue to effectively deliver on education, advocacy, research and support. I look forward to working with the dedicated Kidney Health Australia staff to achieve those outcomes".

Kidney Health Australia is a not-for-profit and the peak body for kidney health in Australia with a vision 'to save and improve the lives of people living in Australia affected by kidney disease'. In 2018 Kidney Health Australia acknowledges its 50th anniversary.

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