

MEDIA RELEASE

Southern Cross Care Appoints New Chair Amid Strategic Plan Launch

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For immediate release

Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Christensen as the new Chair of the Board, effective 1 July 2024. This leadership change aligns with the upcoming launch of our ambitious new strategic plan, designed to drive growth, innovation, and excellence in care over the next three years.

Mike Christensen has been a valued member of the Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) Board since 2021. He brings extensive experience in finance, property, and governance, having successfully chaired the Finance, Audit, and Risk Committee and Property Committee. His leadership will be instrumental as Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) embarks on this new strategic journey.

Our outgoing Chair, Lawrie Hallinan, will be stepping down as Chair and remaining as a Director, providing the appropriate succession that aligns with our commitment to good governance

With our future direction clearly defined, the Board believes it is the ideal time to transition its leadership roles. Lawrie has made significant contributions during his four-year tenure as Chair, including strengthening Board governance, recruiting new Directors and a CEO, and guiding Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) through the challenges of the COVID pandemic and our 50th Anniversary. He will remain a valued member of the Board.

"This is a pivotal moment for Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT)," said Monique Reynolds, CEO of Southern Cross Care. "With the approval of our new strategic plan, we are well-positioned for future success. Mike Christensen's leadership, combined with the ongoing support of Lawrie Hallinan and our highly skilled Board, will be crucial as we implement our strategic initiatives and enhance the services we provide."

"It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) over the past four years," said Lawrie Hallinan. "Together, we have achieved significant milestones, and I am confident that the organisation will continue to thrive under Mike's leadership. I look forward to supporting Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) in my continuing role as a Board member."

Mike Christensen, the incoming Chair of the Board, expressed his enthusiasm for the future: "I am honoured to take on the role of Chair at such an important time for Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT). Our new strategic plan sets a clear path for innovation and growth, and I am excited to work with our dedicated team to achieve our goals and continue providing exceptional care and support to our community."

About Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT):

Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) provides a comprehensive range of services to support older Australians, including residential care, home care, and retirement living. Our purpose is to enable older people to live life to the full.

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