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NEW CHAIRMAN FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Western Australian Community Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Mr Michael Peter Anderson as Chairman.

Mr Anderson is a Founding Director of the Western Australian Community Foundation (WACF), having served on the Board since 2003 as Director and Company Secretary. His professional accreditations include Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (FCA), Associate of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia (AIAMA) and Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (MAICD).

He acknowledged the commitment and guidance provided by Mr Frank Cooper to the WACF during his time as the organisation's inaugural Chairman since 2003.

"Frank's contribution to WACF over the past three years has been enormously significant, and is reflected in the exceptional growth of the organisation since its inception," Mr Anderson said.

"I am honoured to be provided the opportunity to lead such a wonderful organisation that is actively promoting capacity and self reliance of our communities. Through this empowerment, and facilitation of grass roots decision making, we are in turn strengthening the future of Western Australia."

Tonia Swetman, WACF Chief Executive Officer said "Michael brings with him a wealth of experience, innovative thinking and a passion for social justice, having been a founding member of the steering committee out of which the WACF was born."

"His appointment confirms an exciting time for the WACF, having recently celebrated our first \$1 million in funds under management, as we work with our partners on initiatives to support and strengthen Western Australian communities," she said.

Further, the WACF Board is proud to welcome Lt General John Sanderson as Director and Rodney Lewis to the position of Company Secretary.

The diverse knowledge and experience residing with the Board, places the WACF in a strong position to optimise outcomes during a period of maturation and growth.

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About the Western Australian Community Foundation

WACF is an independent organisation created to support and strengthen Western Australian communities by growing philanthropic giving in our state and distributing endowed funds. The WACF model is unique in that it serves as a vehicle through which individuals or groups can establish a sustainable future for their community through financial security, and for organisations to participate in community giving which provides positive long-term, sustainable outcomes through an independently managed corporate giving program.

Board of Directors

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