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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION APPOINTS NEW CEO

Dr Andrew Carter has been appointed the new chief executive officer of Western Australian Community Foundation.

Prior to joining Western Australian Community Foundation (the Foundation) Dr Carter was Chief Executive Officer of Yilgarn Infrastructure Ltd, a Perth based company established to develop the Oakajee Port and associated rail infrastructure to support the expansion of the Mid West region's iron ore industry. This followed 30 years of international, cross-industry experience.

Dr Carter's depth of experience and his track record in community engagement made him an excellent appointment to the position.

Western Australian Community Foundation Chairman, Mr Michael Anderson, said following an extensive search undertaken in partnership with Gerard Daniels, the Board is looking forward to the next phase in the Foundation's development and associated activities under the leadership of Dr Carter.

"Andrew has considerable experience in managing diverse stakeholders across different sectors," he said. "He is sensitive to the diverse needs and opportunities within WA communities – an essential quality in leading an organisation like Western Australian Community Foundation."

"We are looking forward to the continued growth in the Foundation's capacity to respond to current and emerging needs across Western Australian communities."

Mr Anderson also took the opportunity to acknowledge outgoing chief executive officer Ms Tonia Swetman. He said Ms Swetman had done an outstanding job in building the Foundation's processes, recruiting a quality team and extending its capacity to support WA communities achieve sustainability.

"Tonia was instrumental in developing and advancing the goals of the Foundation, as well as raising its profile throughout WA. We wish her well with her future endeavours and look forward to her continued association with the Foundation and its communities."

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