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Communities at Work to Welcome New CEO

Communities at Work is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer.

Board Chair, Alan Greenslade, recently announced the appointment of Michelle Colefax to take on the role from 4 October 2022 after the current CEO, Lee Maiden, finished at the end of September.

Mr Greenslade said, "Michelle was chosen in a competitive selection process from a strong field of candidates. Michelle is committed to contributing to the wellbeing and capacity development of families and individuals in the community. She brings a wealth of experience and skills, demonstrated through her former roles as Chief Executive Officer and Deputy CEO of the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn."

"There's no better time to join Communities at Work," said Ms Colefax. "I have long admired the commitment and drive of the Communities at Work teams in the delivery of invaluable services and supports to the many individuals they serve within our community. I am excited to build on the foundation established by my predecessor Lee Maiden, to further scale the Communities at Work services in driving even greater outcomes for families and individuals in our community. I look forward to working closely with the Board, all the Communities at Work teams, the community and partner providers to capitalise on the many opportunities ahead and usher in Communities at Work's next chapter of growth and success."

Ms Colefax will take over from Lee Maiden, who has been in the position since June 2018 but has been working with Communities at Work for over 30 years.

The appointment of Michelle marks an exciting new chapter for Communities at Work. The Board are looking forward to working with Michelle to ensure that Communities at Work continues to deliver and develop services for the community and those most in need. The Board will also be working with Michelle to extend and develop our services to meet changing community needs, both directly and in collaboration with other community organisations, government agencies and its supporters.

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ABOUT COMMUNITIES AT WORK

Communities at Work is Canberra's largest not-for-profit community organisation, the largest local provider of Early Education and Care services, and one of Canberra's largest employers, with over

600 employees. Communities at Work delivers high-quality education and care services that inspire positive educational outcomes. We work with the community to build resilient, sustainable, and socially inclusive communities in the ACT and Capital region. For more information about Communities at Work, please visit www.commsatwork.org

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