

MEDIA RELEASE

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Statement from Deaf Victoria President, Cathy Clark re: appointment of new General Manager

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Deaf Victoria is pleased to announce the appointment of Philip Waters as the new General Manager of Deaf Victoria. Philip brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in advocacy, policy development and leadership to the organisation.

Prior to taking on this role, Philip was a Senior Consultant at the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission, and before that a Senior Policy Officer in the Office for Disability in the Department of Health and Human Services (now Department of Families, Fairness and Housing).

Philip was a Board member of Deaf Victoria in 1999 and we are delighted to see him return to Deaf Victoria in this leadership role. Additionally, Philip has supported many organisations over the last 15 years in a voluntary capacity. He served on boards and advised various Disabled People's Organisations (DPO's), both in Australia and internationally. He brings with him a passion to make a difference in the lives of Deaf people and their families.

As General Manager, Philip's priorities for 2021 are to work with the Board to review the current strategic plan as well as continue to deliver projects, build relationships with our main stakeholders across government, mainstream organisations, the disability sector and importantly, the deaf sector.

The Deaf Victoria Board would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Maxine Buxton for her outstanding work in leading the organisation over the last 12 months. She not only brought her expertise and knowledge of Deaf people and allyship to the organisation, but she also steered the organisation through the COVID19 pandemic. Thank you, Maxine.

Philip will commence his role in the coming weeks and work with the board and existing staff to transition into the role and receive a thorough handover. We know that Philip will be welcomed and supported by our community and sector partners, and we look forward to a bright future for Deaf Victoria.

Yours Sincerely,

Cathy Clark
Deaf Victoria President

