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YWCA NSW announces Mary Foley as President

YWCA NSW is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Mary Foley as the new President of the organisation. She begins her tenure on 1 January 2017.

Mary Foley is an accomplished executive with experience and roles spanning Government, Professional Services and Not for profit sectors. Mary's comprehensive career within the health sector includes leadership roles within strategy, policy, management and governance including her most recent role as NSW Secretary of Health – leading Australia's largest public healthcare system. Her achievements within public administration in the health and education sectors were acknowledged by her recent appointment as a Member of the Order of Australian (AM). Mary is also an Adjunct Professor with Western Sydney University's School of Science and Health.

In the last two years YWCA NSW has expanded its services for women and children experiencing domestic violence, taken on new profit for purpose businesses including an innovative partnership operating the staff café and catering business in the new Mirvac premises and have built stronger corporate and donor support for programs and services.

In addition to the transformation occurring in YWCA NSW, the 12 YWCAs of Australia have recently signed a Statement of Intent to unite and have committed to use their best endeavours to form a strong, single, national voice for gender equality and an effective, trusted provider of services for women and girls across Australia.

"I was inspired by the wonderful work the YWCA NSW does for the community and am very much looking forward to working with the Board to strengthen and continue to build on the foundations of this important organisation." says Ms Foley. "There are some great opportunities ahead and I am looking forward to the challenge".

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YWCA NSW CEO Anna Bligh said of Mary's appointment: "We are thrilled to have Mary lead our board through an exciting time of change."

"Mary's strong community values and extensive experience - in particular her not for profit role bringing organisations together as Chief Executive of St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney - is a great asset to the YWCA".

Joining Mary are two newly appointed board members Tania Kullmann of Kantar TNS Australia and Nicole Landerer of Clayton Utz, who each bring with them a wealth of skills and experience to add to the expertise of the YWCA NSW board.

The Board of YWCA NSW thank outgoing President Elizabeth Bryan AM and retiring Board Member Rose Herceg for their drive and invaluable contribution to the organisation during a time of great change and great opportunity.

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