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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN DONORS NETWORK ANNOUNCES SAM MOSTYN AS NEW CHAIR

One of Australia's leading directors Sam Mostyn has been announced as the new Chair of the Australian Women Donors Network Board.

A well known advocate for gender equity in business, government, sport and the community, Ms Mostyn will be joining forces with Australian Women Donors Network in their drive to show the enormous benefits when women and girls get a fair share of philanthropic investment.

"This is a pivotal point in history as equality for women and girls has been widely acknowledged as the key to improving safety and security, economic prosperity and social wellbeing both globally and locally, Acting Chair and Co-Founder Ms Reichstein said.

"Sam Mostyn's professional skills, personal passions, and her position as a highly respected leader make her the ideal person to lead us in the next phase."

Australian Women Donors Network continues to inform, inspire and enable giving to women and girls, including by strengthening its focus on evidence, working collaboratively with academia and with peak bodies in philanthropy and business, Ms Reichstein added.

"I am very excited to welcome Sam Mostyn with her outstanding skills in board leadership in business, NFP and sport. She will add great value to the Board and our organisation and team looks forward to working with her to drive and shape the future strategic direction of the Network."

About Sam Mostyn



Sam Mostyn is a non-executive Director and Sustainability adviser, with a long history of governance roles across business, sport, the arts, policy, and NFP sectors.

Her current board roles include Mirvac, Transurban and Virgin Australia, and she is the Chair of Citi Australia. She joined the board of the Sydney Swans in 2017, after over a decade serving as a Commissioner with the Australian Football League.

In 2005 she was the first woman to be appointed to the Commission where she was an advocate for the Respect & Responsibility Policy for the inclusion of women at all levels of the AFL. She was an advocate for the creation of the AFL Women's league and is the 2018 AFLW Cup Ambassador. In 2009, Sam was a member of the Crawford Review expert panel which examined sports funding in Australia.

Her corporate roles have encompassed human resources and culture change, corporate and government affairs, community engagement and corporate sustainability.

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Sam has held a long interest in climate change, serving on the boards of Climateworks Australia and The Climate Council. She was also a founding supporter and Chair of the women's climate action group 1

Million Women, and serves on the Australian faculty of the Cambridge University Business & Sustainability Leadership Program.

Sam has served on the boards of Reconciliation Australia, the Australian Museum, the Sydney Theatre Company and now chairs Carriageworks and between 2013-2017 was President of the Australian Council for International Development. She was an inaugural commissioner with the National Mental Health Commission, and was Deputy Chair of the Diversity Council of Australia. She serves on the board of the Foundation for Young Australians as well as the GO Foundation, founded by Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin to provide education scholarships to indigenous students.

Sam has served on the Business & Sustainable Development Commission, and was recently appointed Chair of ANROWS, the Australian National Research Organisation for Women's Safety.

About the Australian Women Donors Network

Australian Women Donors Network is an education-focused not-for-profit organisation that advocates for gender-sensitive practice within the social investment and grant-making sector. We also advocate for and catalyse greater investment in women and girls.

Both strategies are proven models for creating more effective social investments and outcomes, which ultimately creates a more equitable society for all.

Established in 2009, our growing Network consists of social investors and grant-makers who value these principles and practices, as well as supporters from government, corporate and community sectors.

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