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New chair and five new members appointed to FIA Board

Sydney, 9 March 2018 – Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA) has appointed a new chair and five new members to its Board of Directors. The announcement was made at the annual general meeting during FIA's annual conference in Sydney.

The new chair is James Garland, Director of consulting firm Garland Blanchard, who replaces outgoing chair, Nigel Harris, CEO of Mater Foundation, who is stepping down after six years on the board.

In addition, FIA welcomes five new Directors:

- Ben Holgate, Director Marketing and Fundraising, Multiple Sclerosis Limited
- Stephen Mally, Director, FundraisingForce
- Meredith Dwyer, Director, Homemade Digital
- Michelle Folder, Business Development Manager, Hobart City Mission
- Jim Hungerford, CEO, The Shepherd Centre.

The outgoing board members are:

- Nigel Harris, CEO, Mater Foundation
- Zoe Karkas, Principal, Why Not This & Associates
- Andrew Giles, CEO, Garvan Research Foundation
- Ben Cox, Fundraising and Communications Manager, Brisbane Legacy
- Sophie Davidson Senior Manager Philanthropy and Development, WWF Australia.

"FIA has always supported our members with advocacy, best practice, education and network opportunities and our board contributes much to these initiatives. Our new chair and board members are some of Australia's most respected professionals in the fields of fundraising, marketing and communications, management and professional development. We look forward to their contributions and their leadership and advocacy for the sector," said Rob Edwards, FIA CEO.

"The Board plays a very important role ensuring sector self-regulation and thereby averting further government regulation," he said.

Mr Edwards thanked the outgoing board members for their dedication and service over the years.

New FIA Chairman James Garland said he was delighted to commence in the role.

"This is a really exciting and transformational time as the organisation is entering a new phase of growth and opportunity. I look forward to working with the new CEO and the board on implementing FIA's latest strategic plan including repositioning the organisation, not only to represent fundraisers but also the charities themselves," he said.

About Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA)

With over 1500 members, Fundraising Institute Australia is the largest representative body for the \$12.5 billion charitable fundraising sector which is supported by some 14.9 million Australians. FIA members include charities operating domestically and internationally as well as the organisations and professionals that provide services to them. FIA advocates for the interests of the sector, administers a self-regulatory Code, educates fundraising practitioners, promotes research, and creates forums for the exchange of knowledge and ideas.

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