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MEDIA RELEASE

Family Planning Tasmania appoints new CEO Lalla Mackenzie and new Chair of the Board Dr Craig White

Family Planning Tasmania is very pleased to announce the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer, Ms Lalla Mackenzie, currently in her second week in the role. Lalla will be based in the Glenorchy office but will travel to our other two locations in Launceston and Burnie on a regular basis and has already been to visit the Launceston premises.

The appointment was announced by the new Chair of the Family Planning Tasmania Board, Dr Craig White, who has been a member of the Family Planning Tasmania Board for six years.

New CEO Lalla Mackenzie said it was a great time to be joining the organisation, as Family Planning Tasmania prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary this July and enter a new era.

“Family Planning Tasmania is all about empowering Tasmanians in their sexual and reproductive health through clinic, education and advocacy services, and has a proud history of doing so. I’m excited to lead the organisation to continue in this mission into the future,” said new CEO of Family Planning Tasmania, Lalla Mackenzie.

“It’s a wonderful and poignant time to be joining an organisation that I’m so passionate about. Family Planning Tasmania has a 50-year history of positively impacting the lives of so many Tasmanians, including my own,” she said.

“Family Planning Tasmania had a significant and lasting impact on me in my teenage years at a time that I was most vulnerable, and it was a deeply positive experience I’ll never forget.

“It’s a privilege to be leading an organisation whose mission and vision of empowerment is so important and values that are so close to my own.

“I’m looking forward to taking Family Planning Tasmania to the next level, with the support of an enthusiastic Board and our passionate, caring and expert staff.”

“Our clinicians, educators and support staff are out in the community every day educating and empowering Tasmanians in their sexual and reproductive health. But there’s always more that can be done.

“As an organisation, we aspire for sexual and reproductive wellness for the Tasmanian community, and to remove the taboo in talking about sexual and reproductive health. We really want to change the conversation around sexuality in Tasmania to truly empower Tasmanians.

“We have a measured, holistic and renewed Strategic Plan to guide us in leading the sector, and we look forward to working with our key partners to really improve the lives of Tasmanians.”

Newly appointed Chair of the Family Planning Tasmania Board, Dr Craig White’s medical and leadership experience perfectly complements Lalla Mackenzie’s corporate experience, creating an expert leadership team well-placed to lead Family Planning Tasmania into the future.

“With an enthusiastic Board, a brand-new, meaningful Strategic Plan and a new CEO full of energy and fresh ideas, it’s an exciting new era for Family Planning Tasmania as we prepare to celebrate our 50 years of serving the Tasmanian community.”

“Lalla brings with her a unique depth of energy, passion and experience, along with an ability to draw on her lived experience of Family Planning Tasmania services.”

“Lalla and I will be working closely together, leading our fantastic team to bring Family Planning Tasmania to the next level.”

Lalla Mackenzie has over 20 years of experience in community and stakeholder engagement, partnerships, building teams, project management, training & development and governance.

The majority of Lalla’s career has been in Telecommunications building meaningful partnerships across all levels of government, community groups and industry. An accomplished communications professional with extensive experience in leading and delivering strategic initiatives, Lalla is also a Certified Project Director.

Family Planning Tasmania is planning several exciting events, including community expos and formal receptions, to celebrate the organisation’s 50th anniversary in July 2023. More information around the 50th anniversary celebrations will be released in the coming weeks.

Dr Craig White has been serving on the Family Planning Tasmania Board for six years, and has degrees in Medicine and Business Management, and as served as a major public hospital CEO and State Chief Health & Medical Officer of Tasmania.

Lalla Mackenzie will be available for comment.

About Family Planning Tasmania

Family Planning Tasmania has delivered high quality sexual and reproductive health services to Tasmanians for 50 years. Family Planning Tasmania is your local expert in sexual and reproductive health.

We provide non-judgemental and caring clinical services for all, and education programs for professionals and people of all stages of life. We are vocal advocates for sexual and reproductive health rights and community awareness.

Family Planning Tasmania believes that:

- Human sexuality is an integral part of life. It is shaped by gender, and by social, political, spiritual and cultural factors, and is subject to lifelong dynamic change.
- Everyone has the right to live free of discrimination, regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, ethnic background, religion or ability.
- Everyone has the right to express their sexuality, provided they do not violate the rights of others. Family Planning Tasmania recognises the right of all people to self-determination in the control of their fertility and to the enjoyment of satisfying and responsible sexual expression.

Everyone has the right to make informed choices about sexuality and to take responsibility for their own sexual and reproductive health

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