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CANBERRA SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Canberra Southern Cross Club is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Walshe as its new Chief Executive Officer. He becomes just the fourth CEO in the Club's 51 year history.

Mr. Walshe is currently the Club's Chief Operating Officer and has served the Canberra Southern Cross Club for over 30 years in a wide variety of roles over that period.

Club President John Lewis commented "Matthew has rich experience with the Canberra Southern Cross Club, our members, stakeholders, community partners, suppliers and employees. We conducted an exhaustive Australia wide search through a recruitment firm for our new CEO and interviewed a group of highly qualified people. Ultimately, Matthew's deep knowledge developed through his time at the Club was unparalleled. His understanding of the challenges and opportunities we have in front of us also held him in good stead. The Club has a strong strategy and vision in place which Matthew was integral in developing and now he will lead the delivery of that vision."

Mr. Walshe will take over the role from Ian Mackay who earlier this year advised the Board of his intention to semi-retire at the end of 2023. Mr. Mackay and Mr. Walshe will spend the next 4 months handing over in a transition leading into the Club's Annual General Meeting at the end of November.

Mr. Mackay said, "I'm delighted the Board has chosen Matthew as my successor. The Canberra Southern Cross Club is made up of very talented people who focus on enriching our local community. There is no-one through my career that I have enjoyed working with more than Matthew. He inspires all those around him through his work ethic, leadership and dedication".

Mr Walshe added, "Having worked for the Club since 1993, commencing as a floor service attendant picking up glasses and clearing plates, I am proud to be appointed CEO of this great Club. I have a passion for our people and our places and indeed for our part in making Canberra such a great city to live in. I look forward to continuing to build on the achievements that Ian and our Board have made over the past decade. I was also fortunate to work under the Club's first CEO, Peter Head, who taught me so much and built such a strong legacy.

About the Canberra Southern Cross Club

- The Canberra Southern Cross Club first opened its doors on the 22nd August 1972, and celebrated it's 50 Year Golden Anniversary in August 2022.
- The Club currently has five hospitality venues: Woden, Tuggeranong, Jamison plus the Southern Cross Yacht Club and Snapper & Co. at Yarralumla.
- Membership of the Club sits at over 80,000, the largest in Canberra.
- The Club employs over 600 staff.
- Over the past 10 years the Club has contributed almost \$15 Million to the community across a multitude of organisations that provide assistance and services to Canberrans. Many of these services could not exist without our support.
- Additionally, the Club owns and operates;
 - The MV Southern Cross, which offers daily sightseeing cruises on Lake Burley Griffin as well as charters for private events,
 - The Southern Cross Basketball Stadium in Tuggeranong,
 - Stellar Canberra health and wellness centre,
 - Seven Anytime Gym franchises throughout the local region.

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