



PRESS RELEASE

Onward and upward – the next exciting chapter

The McLean Care Board of Directors met yesterday, and Board elections were held. For the past ten years, Phil Girle has been not only an invaluable member of the McLean Care Board of Directors, but Chairman of the Board for the past six years.

After many successful years as Chairman of the Board, Phil decided that it was appropriate for him to step aside and make way for some ‘fresh blood’ at the helm, and so did not put his hand up for the top job again, but that is certainly not the end of his membership with the Board; Phil was elected Vice Chair, and will continue to play a key role.

“It has been an absolute honour and privilege to have served on the Board of Directors of McLean Care, and I am looking forward to continuing in the role of Vice Chair to incoming Chairman Manuel Meszaros.” said Phil. *“I joined at a time of transition for the organisation, where it evolved from being a Board of Trustees of HN McLean Memorial Retirement Village to McLean Care Limited, a Company Limited by Guarantee, a specialised form of public company designed for non-profit organisations.”*

“It’s ironic, really, that McLean Care is designated as a ‘non-profit’; a completely inadequate description of who we are. McLean Care is a not-for-profit charitable organisation owned by the community, and any profits that we do make enable us to remain sustainable and grow well into the future. Unlike corporations limited by shares, McLean Care is owned by the community; there are no shareholders, and therefore no dividends to pay out. All of the profits of the organisation are reinvested in our people, infrastructure and services we provide to the community – McLean Care is an organisation that is owned by the communities that we serve.” continued Phil.

Former Executive Director of Care, Sue Thomson, who has led McLean Care as CEO since 2013, was recruited by the board about two and a half years after Phil Girle became Chairman. Sue spearheads the development of the organisation’s strategic direction, ensuring McLean Care delivers its promises to the community, and that its values are visibly integrated into the entire business and all of its services. Sue’s commitment and vast experience have heavily influenced the success of McLean Care as a leading provider in the sector.

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“It is a real privilege to work in aged care, and we are all very passionate about ensuring that older people continue to receive quality service provision in regional, rural and remote areas of NSW and Australia. Having a Board and Chair who share that commitment is crucial to ensuring that older people in these areas are not marginalised because of their geographical location.” said Ms. Thomson. *“It has been an honour to work alongside Phil, especially in his role as Chairman of the Board. He is passionate and knowledgeable, and shares our vision for the future of McLean Care and our delivery of quality services to the regional communities who own us, and who rely on us. I am grateful that he has chosen to remain on the Board, and know that he will continue to make an invaluable contribution to the sustainability and longevity of McLean Care as the leading provider in the sector.”*

The new McLean Board line-up includes some younger members, who bring fresh insight and vitality, modern business acumen, and in depth understanding of the rapidly evolving aged care sector. The incoming Chair, Manuel Meszaros, brings over twenty years of business and financial expertise, and Phil Girle will continue to contribute to McLean Care’s governance and drive sustainability, standing as Manuel’s right-hand-man and also as a mentor to this dynamic team of community-spirited individuals.

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