

Media Release

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Two new experts join VicHealth Board

VicHealth is pleased to welcome Stella Smith and Sheena Watt, as well as confirm the reappointment of Stephen Walter, to the VicHealth Board.

Ms Smith and Ms Watt have been appointed to the VicHealth Board for a three-year term by Health Minister Jill Hennessy. Former board member Stephen Walter is also returning for a further three years.

Stella Smith is the General Manager of Community and Government Relations at Melbourne Victory Football Club. She is also a Director of Blue Light Victoria and Women's Health East.

Ms Smith has broad experience in community, government and stakeholder engagement, advertising and health promotion. Ms Smith's experience spans commercial, sport and the not-for-profit sectors. She also has considerable experience in community sporting organisations.

Sheena Watt is a public health advocate and company director. A proud Yorta Yorta woman, Ms Watt currently holds several corporate governance roles, including as a board member of the Centre for Australian Progress and Queen Elizabeth Centre, and a member of the clinical governance committee at Merri Health.

Ms Watt is currently the Manager of Government Relations at the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) and a Fellow of the Centre for Sustainability Leadership.

Stephen Walter is a senior corporate affairs professional with over 35 years' experience in corporate communications, stakeholder relations, marketing and business development gained through the public and private sectors. He was previously Chief of Staff at Australia Post where he also sat on the Executive Committee for a decade. He first joined the VicHealth Board in 2013.

VicHealth Chair Fiona McCormack said Ms Smith and Ms Watt, and the return of Mr Walter, would strengthen VicHealth's already diverse and passionate Board.

"VicHealth CEO Jerril Rechter, and I are so pleased to welcome these two new board members to VicHealth, and to be able to draw on Stephen's expertise once again," Ms McCormack said.

"Stella, Sheena and Stephen offer such a wealth of experience and we look forward to their contributions as we work towards our goal of having one million more Victorians with better health and wellbeing by 2023.

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“They will join a committed Board and staff of VicHealth, who are all focused on our work supporting more Victorians to live healthier, happier lives.”

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