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Foundation

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# Shaping Tomorrow: Introducing our new Board President and co-Vice Presidents

As we look ahead to 2025, we are thrilled to announce the board members elected to the leadership roles on the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation Board. Please join us in celebrating Carla Treloar AM as President and Dan Holland and Michael Harrison as co-Vice Presidents.

Carla brings a wealth of expertise from her role as a Scientia Professor at UNSW Sydney and her decades of research into social issues, particularly stigma surrounding HIV and other health conditions. Joining the BGF Board in 2023, Carla's vision is grounded in fostering genuine, respectful engagement with communities and reducing the impact of stigma and discrimination. As chair of the Client Services Governance Committee, her dedication to improving public health and community-focused programs perfectly aligns with BGF's mission to support people living with HIV and our expansion to serve the broader LGBTQIA+ community.

With over 20 years of experience leading teams in Corporate Affairs, Reputation and Sustainability initiatives, Dan is the Director of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability at the Endeavour Group. His leadership in social sustainability, circular economy projects, and harm reduction has profoundly transformed the drinks and hospitality sectors. As a member of the BGF Finance Committee and a key board supporter of BGF fundraising and marketing activity since 2023, Dan is committed to driving awareness and support for BGF's vital work.

As the Governance and Regulatory Advice Lead at Westpac Group, Michael offers deep expertise in compliance, risk management, and regulatory change programs. His extensive governance experience within Australia's not-for-profit sector has focused on LGBTQIA+ inclusion, stigma reduction and social justice. Since joining the BGF Board in 2023, Michael has brought his passion for equity and accountability to his role in chairing the Risk and Compliance Committee.

Together, Carla, Dan, and Michael bring exceptional leadership, expertise, and dedication to the BGF Board, ensuring the organisation remains well-positioned to continue delivering inclusive, tailored support for people living with HIV and the LGBTQIA+ community.

We are excited to embark on this next chapter with their guidance and look forward to the milestones we will achieve together. Please join us in warmly welcoming Carla, Dan, and Michael to their formal leadership roles at BGF.

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#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Supporting people living with HIV has never been more important. Whilst transmission rates have dropped significantly, HIV is not over for the almost 30, 000 people living with HIV in Australia. Many of the people who BGF support are Long-Term Survivors, the first generation to age with HIV and have complex health and social needs. Now more than ever, they need our support.

### **ABOUT BGF:**

Bobby Goldsmith was one of the first Australians to die from an AIDS-related illness in June 1984. His friends came together to find a way of giving him the care he needed to remain at home so they could make his last weeks as comfortable as possible. He died with dignity, at home, where he wanted to be.

His friends established the important precedent of providing support and services for people living with HIV. If direct support could be provided for one person, it could be done for many.

We are the legacy of that dedicated group of friends.

Bobby Goldsmith Foundation has been supporting people living with HIV for 40 years. Founded in 1984, we provide practical, emotional and financial support to people living with HIV in New South Wales and South Australia.

We are unique as the only not-for-profit in Australia providing frontline services and support to people living with HIV.

In 2024 however, we expanded our service offering to provide disability services to all people, especially those living with HIV, the broader LGBTQIA+ community and to all people seeking progressive, supportive care.

BGF is a registered not-for-profit with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission and has no political or religious affiliations, just a commitment to help and support people to live well on their own terms through practical, tailored care.

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