



Media Release

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Australian Digital Health Agency appoints new Board Chair

The Australian Digital Health Agency (the Agency) welcomes the appointment of Lyn McGrath as the Agency's new Board Chair.

Ms McGrath has served as a non-executive member of the Agency's Board for over 7 years and Chair of the Agency's Audit and Risk Committee.

Ms McGrath brings over 30 years of expertise in complex and regulated sectors, including health and financial services. Her wealth of experience positions her well to lead the Agency Board into a new era of digital health. Agency CEO, Ms Amanda Cattermole PSM, extended her appreciation to outgoing Chair, Dr Elizabeth Deveny.

She remarked, "As a Board member since the Agency's inception, including almost 5 of those as Chair, Dr Deveny led the Agency through a transformative journey which included providing better access for all Australians to their health information through My Health Record, making electronic prescriptions available across the country, significant innovation during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the new my health app. Dr Deveny's leadership and contribution will leave an ongoing legacy for Australia's digital health agenda."

Ms McGrath also acknowledged the remarkable work of Dr Deveny and stated, "It's with great enthusiasm that I take up the role of Chair of the Agency Board. I look forward to continuing to advance the national digital health agenda and building on the momentum that has already been achieved under Dr Deveny's leadership".

Dr Deveny said that it had been a privilege to guide the Agency during a critical period for digital health. She remarked, "It has been an honour to serve the Agency as Board Chair at such a pivotal time for our communities. The leadership and vision of Ms McGrath will ensure the Agency can deliver the seamlessly connected and person-centred system that health consumers are expecting."

Ms Lyn McGrath's three-year appointment as the Chair of the Australian Digital Health Agency Board will take effect on 29 September 2023.

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About the Australian Digital Health Agency

When it comes to improving the health of all Australians, the role of digital innovation and connection is a vital part of a modern, accessible healthcare system. Against the backdrop of COVID-19, digital health has seen exponential growth in relevance and importance, making it more pertinent than ever for all Australians and healthcare providers.

Better patient healthcare and health outcomes are possible when you have a health infrastructure that can be safely accessed, easily used and responsibly shared. For further information: www.digitalhealth.gov.au.

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