

MEDIA RELEASE

NRL great Ben Ikin joins Queensland PropTech firm SearchX as CEO to lead national growth

SearchX has announced the appointment of Ben Ikin as Chief Executive Officer, marking a major milestone in the company's continued expansion across the property technology, compliance and professional services sectors.

Mr Ikin will lead the next phase of growth for SearchX and its expanding group of PropRT businesses, including SignedX, PropRT Conveyancing and WealthApp.

The appointment brings together one of Queensland's most recognised leaders in sport, media and executive management with one of the state's fastest growing property compliance technology companies.

Mr Ikin joins SearchX after 3 years as CEO of the Queensland Rugby League and 2 years as Head of Football at the Brisbane Broncos, which followed a decade long tenure at Fox Sports. Mr Ikin is also an experienced board director and has worked in a variety of senior commercial roles in the property sector.

SearchX Co-Founder Riley Neaton said the appointment reflected the company's ambition to scale nationally and continue building industry-leading businesses across the real estate and property ecosystem.

"Ben is a proven leader with an incredible ability to build high-performing organisations, strong cultures and trusted brands," Mr Neaton said.

"He understands Queensland, he understands people, and he understands how to lead organisations through periods of rapid growth and transformation.

"As SearchX continues to expand beyond seller disclosure into broader property technology and professional services through the PropRT group, we are excited to have someone of Ben's calibre leading that journey."

SearchX Co-Founder Timothy Neville said the business had experienced significant growth over the past 12 months and was now entering a new phase of strategic expansion.

"We built SearchX to modernise and simplify compliance and property services for the real estate industry," Mr Neville said.

"The appointment of Ben as CEO represents a significant step forward as we continue expanding our technology, legal and service offerings through businesses like SignedX, PropRT Conveyancing and WealthApp.

“Ben brings strategic leadership experience at the highest level, and we believe he is the ideal person to lead the business into its next chapter.”

Incoming Chief Executive Officer Ben Ikin said he was excited by the scale of opportunity ahead for SearchX and the broader PropRT group.

“What SearchX has built in a very short period of time is incredibly impressive,” Mr Ikin said.

“The business has identified real problems within the property industry and created technology-driven solutions that are fast, practical and scalable.

“I’m excited to join Riley, Timothy and the wider team to help accelerate the next phase of growth across SearchX and the broader PropRT businesses. There is an enormous opportunity ahead.”

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Link to VNR

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Photo files in the above link:

- Photo: L-R Riley Neaton (Co-Founder), Ben Ikin (CEO), Timothy Neville (Co-Founder)

Video files in the above link:

1. VNR Statement from new SearchX CEO Ben Ikin
2. VNR Statement from new SearchX CEO Ben Ikin (looking off camera)
3. VNR Comments from SearchX CEO and CoFounders
4. Social Post from SearchX CoFounders announcing new CEO 16x9
5. Social Post from SearchX CoFounders announcing new CEO 4x5

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SearchX is leading the PropTech revolution in Australia and is Queensland's most used seller disclosure platform, built to remove risk, complexity and admin from the Form 2 process. Combining advanced technology with 100% legal review by local lawyers, SearchX manages the entire disclosure journey from search to signed, delivering fast, compliant reports that protect agents, vendors and transactions. Trusted by more than 500 agencies, solicitors and conveyancers, the platform offers real time tracking, secure digital workflows, team workspaces and fixed pricing with no cost to agents. With most reports delivered within 24 hours, and some in as little as 15 minutes, SearchX is redefining compliance for the modern real estate industry.

About SignedX

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SignedX is an Australian-built eSigning platform designed to help businesses send, track and sign legally binding agreements faster. Built for property professionals, conveyancers, solicitors and modern business teams, SignedX combines secure digital signing, real-time tracking and audit-ready compliance in one fast, simple and professional platform.

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PropRT Conveyancing is a modern Australian conveyancing business built to simplify property transactions for agents, vendors and buyers. With fixed pricing, direct communication and no upfront costs for vendors, PropRT delivers a faster, more transparent settlement experience backed by a local team you can actually reach. Designed for today's property market, PropRT combines professional support with modern systems to keep deals moving from contract to completion.

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WealthApp is the wealth ecosystem built for Australian real estate agents. It is a referral and commission management platform designed to help agents track referrals, manage partner networks, and monitor commission opportunities in one place across mortgage broking, conveyancing, property management, and more. WealthApp transforms relationships into measurable revenue through intelligent automation, visibility, and performance-focused technology.