**Sparkways announces appointment of new CEO Daniel Findley**

### Sparkways has announced the appointment of *Daniel Findley as the* new Chief Executive Officer of the Melbourne-based Early childhood education and care (ECEC) provider.

### Mr Findley is set to step into the position as CEO of the not-for-profit in December this year, replacing Angela Forbes.

Mrs Forbes has held the CEO position since 2019 and has been a significant contributor to the early years and care sector, with a with an extensive career in the sector.

The appointment was announced by Sparkways Board Chair James Meares earlier this week, who thanked Ms Forbes for her contribution.

“I would like to sincerely thank Angela Forbes for being an excellent CEO,” Mr Meares said.

“Angela has been a strong role model exhibiting exemplary professionalism as a leader. Her openness, frankness, and approachability have made for an excellent working relationship with the Board.

“In due course, Angela will be farewelled by the organisation, until then she will continue in her role.

 “I and the Board thank Angela deeply and wish her every success in the future.”

Mr Findley was selected for the role during a competitive recruitment process and brings valuable and impactful experience in leading organisations.

He will be coming to Sparkways from his role as CEO of West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC).

WARC is dedicated to working in partnership with community towards providing meaningful employment and economic opportunities, delivering outstanding customer services and infrastructure including youth, Early Learning and Care and mentoring.

“Sparkways is a not-for-profit organisation, offering high-quality early years education and care in 45 services across Melbourne, as well as life-changing mentoring programs for young adults,” a Sparkways spokesperson said.

“We look forward to working with Mr Findley to continue to deliver high quality mentoring and early years and care programs and services to Melbourne’s children and young people.”

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