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LEADING OBSTETRICIAN APPOINTED CHAIR OF STILLBIRTH FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA

Stillbirth Foundation Australia is today very pleased to announce the appointment of its new Chair, leading Sydney obstetrician, Dr Sean Seeho.

The appointment follows a decision by current Chair, Dr Jonathan Morris AM, to step down after 11 successful years in the role.

Dr Seeho brings 15 years of experience as a practicing obstetrician, with interests including high-risk pregnancies, miscarriage, preeclampsia and autoimmune diseases.

Dr Seeho said he is excited to accept the position and continue building on the great work of outgoing Chair, Dr Jonathan Morris.

“I have spent the past 15 years working to help as many parents as possible to have healthy babies, and this is another way that I can contribute to that goal,” Dr Seeho said.

“It is a true privilege to be appointed Chair of Stillbirth Foundation Australia, which does wonderful work in stillbirth prevention, parent and clinician education, and research.

“I’d like to both acknowledge and thank Jonathan for his unwavering commitment to the Foundation over the past 11 years, and I look forward to building on that remarkable legacy.

“Jonathan has advocated tirelessly to prevent stillbirths and to support families who have experienced stillbirths, and I look forward to continuing that work.”

Outgoing Chair, Dr Jonathan Morris, said his time with the Foundation was very rewarding.

“I want to thank everyone involved with the Foundation for their dedication and commitment to saving more lives and supporting families,” Dr Morris said.

“On average six babies are stillborn in Australia every day – or more than 2,000 each year. The stillbirth toll far eclipses the road toll, and we need to continue to work to drive it down.

“We have achieved a lot over the past 11 years, moving stillbirth from an issue that received no attention to one which has a whole National Action Plan to address it.

“I know that our new Chair will lead the Foundation to achieve even greater things.”

Founder of Stillbirth Foundation Australia, Emma McLeod OAM said Dr Morris has been an instrumental figure in growing the Foundation and reducing the stigma around stillbirth.



“I couldn’t have asked for a better leader to guide the Foundation for so long,” Ms McLeod said.

“Jonathan’s leadership has positioned the Foundation strongly for the future and I look forward to seeing Sean build on this and work to ensure more healthy births in Australia.”

Stillbirth Foundation Australia CEO, Leigh Brezler praised Dr Morris for his commitment to the Foundation.

“We have achieved so much under Jonathan’s leadership, including a greater focus on stillbirth from policy-makers which is leading to changes that will save lives,” Ms Brezler said.

“I look forward to working with the new Chair to carry on our important work.”

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