

# Relationships Australia

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### **Relationships Australia (NSW) Announces Resignation of Anne Hollonds as CEO**

The Board of Relationships Australia (NSW), a community-based, not-for-profit provider of relationship support services, announced today that long-serving CEO, Anne Hollonds, had resigned from the organisation.

Ms Hollonds' departure comes after many years at the helm of Relationships Australia (NSW), during which time it has grown to become a leading state-wide provider of relationship counselling, dispute resolution and family support services to children, couples, families, individuals, workplaces and communities.

Relationships Australia (NSW) President, John Longworth, praised Ms Hollonds' contribution to the growth and development of the organisation and to the development of the community-based counselling sector generally.

"Anne has become synonymous in the public mind with relationship counselling, and this is testament to her dedication to her role and to the industry over many years," Mr Longworth said.

"Anne is a gifted communicator of complex themes surrounding relationship, family and workplace conflict. Through her leadership of the industry's peak body, Family Relationship Services Australia, she has elevated the importance of the service our sector provides among Government," he said.

"Her legacy is not only the significant and visible role that Relationships Australia (NSW) now plays in counselling and mediation in this state, but also the emphasis given to relationship and family counselling in Government policy. We thank Anne for her enormous contribution over many years and wish her the best in her future endeavours.

"There is a strong leadership team in place at Relationships Australia (NSW) and this will ensure we are providing a stable and seamless service to our clients during the transition to a new CEO," he said.

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Ms Hollonds said: "It has been a privilege to lead Relationships Australia in NSW and the many talented and dedicated people working within it. Relationships Australia NSW plays a unique and special role in our community. I am proud of the meaningful difference our organisation has made to the lives of so many people and I know there is a strong foundation in place for this work to continue and grow."

Relationships Australia (NSW) Director of Operations, Lyn Fletcher, will act as CEO while the Board conducts a search for a replacement for Ms Hollonds.

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### **About Relationships Australia (NSW)**

Relationships Australia (NSW) services include counselling for individuals, couples and families (face-to-face, telephone and online); parenting and relationship education; support for families going through separation; specialist services for people who have been in care, refugee families and Aboriginal communities; workplace counselling and training; employee assistance programs and consultancy for companies; and training for family support professionals. Relationships Australia (NSW) is part of a national network of over 200 centres.

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