

Carers WA Announces New CEO

After a rigorous recruitment process, the Board of Carers WA is pleased to announce the appointment of Richard Newman as the new CEO of Carers WA. Long-serving Carers WA CEO, Paul Coates, will be retiring later in the year.

Chair of the Carers WA Board, Linda Wayman, said the appointment will ensure the continued growth of Carers WA and its mission to support WA's 320,000 unpaid carers through services and advocacy.

"Carers WA's vision is for a society where the role of a carer is valued and supported."

"Richard is aligned to that vision and, as our current Head of Service Delivery, has been instrumental in actioning Carers WA's ongoing determination to empower and support carers throughout Western Australia," she said.

Richard brings a depth of experience to the CEO role, having had more than 20 years' experience in community services across the aged care, disability, carers support and mental health sectors.

"The Board is grateful to outgoing CEO, Paul Coates, who has overseen the organisation's significant growth and led us safely through the pandemic while at the same time establishing the Carer Gateway program in WA," Ms Wayman said.

Richard will be effective in his new role from Thursday, 17th November 2022.

Additional Information

Who are Carers?

An informal unpaid carer is a family member or friend who cares for someone with disability, chronic or life-limited illness, is frail aged, has a mental health illness, alcohol or other drug related issue. Informal carers are distinct from *paid support workers* who are colloquially also called carers, but are fully employed and remunerated with all the benefits of employment. Conversely, family carers perform their caring duties without remuneration.

About Carers WA

Carers WA, celebrating over 25 years, is the peak body that represents the needs and interests of carers in WA. Carers WA aims to enhance and support the empowerment and wellbeing of carers through our programs, services and advocacy. Carers WA provides a range of free supports and services, including those available through Carer Gateway. Carers WA is a non-profit, community based organisation and registered charity dedicated to improving the lives of the estimated 320,000 family carers living in WA.

About Carer Gateway

Carers WA is also the lead provider of Carer Gateway services in WA. Carer Gateway is an Australian Government initiative providing a mix of free online, telephone and in-person supports, services and advice for family carers in Australia.

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