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Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Sydney Announces New President and Vice President

The Board of [Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Sydney](#) is pleased to announce the appointment of Marie Soghomonian as President and Nathan Deveson as Vice President.

These appointments reflect the Board's commitment to strong governance, strategic leadership, and the continued delivery of Lifeline's vital crisis support and suicide prevention services.

Marie Soghomonian currently serves as a Director of Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Sydney and is Chair of the Fundraising and Marketing Sub-Committee. She is an executive leader with expertise in philanthropy, stakeholder engagement, communications, and strategic leadership. Marie is an executive director and brings extensive experience in driving organisational growth, strengthening community partnerships, and delivering high-impact fundraising and engagement strategies. She is recognised for her strategic leadership approach and her ability to translate vision into meaningful community impact. Through her service on the Board, she has demonstrated a deep commitment to Lifeline's mission and to strengthening awareness and support for its vital services.

Nathan Deveson has been elected Vice President from within the Board. He is a highly respected corporate lawyer and governance professional with experience advising organisations on complex legal, commercial, and strategic matters. Nathan brings deep expertise in governance, risk management, and strategic advisory, and has held senior leadership roles throughout his career. He is recognised for his commitment to organisational integrity, strong governance, and long-term sustainability. Both leaders bring strong expertise and a shared commitment to strengthening Lifeline's impact across the communities it serves.

These appointments follow the decision of Graham West to step down as President due to increasing commitments in other areas. Graham will continue to serve as a Director, ensuring the organisation continues to benefit from his experience and contribution.

The Board also acknowledges the contribution of Mark Hedges, who concluded his tenure as Vice President after reaching the maximum term limit for Directors in late 2025.

The Board extends its sincere thanks to Graham for his leadership and dedication over the past two and a half years. His stewardship has strengthened the organisation and positioned it for continued growth and impact across the communities it serves.

Marie Soghomonian said she was honoured to be appointed President of Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Sydney.

"I am deeply honoured to be appointed President of Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Sydney. Lifeline's work is more important than ever, and I look forward to working with the Board, staff, volunteers and community partners to build on our strong foundations and continue delivering life-changing support to those who need it most."

Nathan Deveson said he was honoured to take on the role of Vice President.

"I am honoured to be appointed Vice President of Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Sydney. I look forward to working with Marie, the Board, and our broader Lifeline community to strengthen governance and continue delivering meaningful impact across the communities we serve."

The Board looks forward to the leadership of Marie and Nathan as Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Sydney continues its mission of ensuring that no person has to face their darkest moments alone.

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