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St John of God Health Care appoints Hon Robert Knowles as new board member

The Trustees of St John of God Health Care (SJGHC) today announced the appointment of the Hon Robert Knowles AO MAICD to the SJGHC board. His appointment will take effect from 5 November.

Mr Knowles holds commercial directorships at Global Health Ltd, Drinkwise Australia Ltd, Silver Chain Group Ltd and IPG Ltd. He was a member of the Victorian Parliament from 1976-99 and had responsibility for a number of portfolios, including Minister for Health from 1996-99 and Minister for Aged Care from 1996-99.

Making the announcement SJGHC Chairman of Trustees, Eva Skira said that Mr Knowles had outstanding credentials within the health care sector.

"Rob has made an outstanding contribution as a leader in health care in Australia and his deep knowledge of the sector and strong commercial abilities will add to the bench strength of the SJGHC Board."

Chairman of the SJGHC Board, Tony Howarth applauded the appointment saying "SJGHC will benefit from Rob's experience and expertise and I look forward to welcoming him to our team."

Mr Knowles is also currently Chair of the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne; Commissioner of the National Mental Health Commission and Chair of the Victorian Health Reform and Innovation Council.

He was awarded the Order of Australia in 2007 for service to the community through a range of aged care, mental health, research and cultural activities and his work in the Victorian government.

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About SJGHC:

Established in Western Australia in 1895, St John of God Health Care (SGJCH) is Australia's largest Catholic not-for-profit private health care group and employs more than 10,850 staff across Australia, New Zealand and the wider Asia Pacific region.

We operate 18 facilities comprising 2,591 beds in Australia and New Zealand, as well as pathology, home nursing, disability services and social outreach programs.

In 2013/14, SJGHC achieved revenue of \$1.2 billion and administered social outreach programs worth \$56 million.

We return all profits to the communities we serve by:

- updating and expanding technology and facilities
- expanding existing services and acquiring new services
- providing social outreach services to people experiencing disadvantage to improve health and wellbeing.