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DYNAMIC NEW LEADERSHIP IN SNAICC MARKS A FRESH ERA FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILD DEVELOPMENT, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

Melbourne, Australia: SNAICC – National Voice for our Children has made several noteworthy changes at the 2018 SNAICC AGM, which was held in Sydney on 27 November.

SNAICC is thrilled to announce Adjunct Professor Muriel Bamblett AM as the new SNAICC Chairperson. Muriel has been a leading national voice on children and family issues for many years, and her extensive knowledge, expertise and strategic approach will provide important leadership and impetus moving forward.

SNAICC thanks Sharron Williams for her leadership as Chairperson across several terms. SNAICC would not have achieved the many successes we have had in recent years without Sharron's unique and respected approach to leadership and partnership.

The following Board of Directors has been elected:

- Muriel Bamblett (CEO, VACCA) – Chairperson
- Geraldine Atkinson (President, VAEAI) – Deputy Chairperson
- Tim Ireland (CEO, AbSec) – Treasurer
- Rachel Atkinson (CEO, PICC) – Board Secretary
- Sharron Williams (CEO, AFSS) – Director
- Kathleen Pinkerton (Chair, Yorganop Association Incorporated) – Director
- Natalie Lewis (CEO, QATSICPP) – Director, Chair of Family Matters National Campaign

The changes to the SNAICC Board of Directors see Lisa Coulson move off the Board after 15 years as a Director. Lisa has been incredibly influential as our representative from Tasmania for many years, and will continue to provide invaluable direction from her position on the SNAICC Council.

We also farewell Megan Van Den Berg from the SNAICC Council, with Muriel now representing VACCA. Megan has provided significant input over the last two years, particularly in relation to some important child protection reform processes.

Further to these changes at a Board and Council level, the Board have appointed Emma Sydenham as Acting CEO on an interim basis. Emma has previously worked

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with SNAICC for many years as Deputy CEO, and her knowledge of the organisation and our work will be a valuable asset as we move into 2019.

After a year providing the organisation with significant stability, in a period which has seen key organisational change, SNAICC thanks Acting CEO Kim Sedick for his substantial contribution to our mission. In sometimes challenging circumstances Kim has been able to help build and secure important relationships that will ensure SNAICC continues to be an effective peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

SNAICC enters this new term with confidence that these changes will provide us with a dynamic and powerful leadership team to progress our mission and see better supports for our children and families across the country.

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About SNAICC – National Voice for our Children:

SNAICC – National Voice for our Children is the national non-governmental peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. We work for the fulfilment of the rights of our children, in particular to ensure their safety, development and well-being.

Founded in 1981, SNAICC was established to engage in activities that promote and accommodate a strong voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families.

Over the past 30 years SNAICC's efforts has resulted in many key milestones and achievements both in policy developments at state, territory and federal levels and in developing innovative and useful resources for the sector.

SNAICC is governed by an influential Board of Directors made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled children and family services.

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