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NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE RDNS BOARD

Royal District Nursing Service Limited (RDNS) is pleased to announce the appointment of two highly credentialed and respected nursing leaders, Kathleen Baker and Susanne Macri to its Board,

These appointments support RDNS' commitment to continue influencing and responding to changes in government and community needs through a strategy of growth and diversification which sees RDNS establishing a broader presence in community healthcare on a national scale and particularly in New South Wales.

Kathy Baker AM (Adjunct Professor UTS and UWS)



Kathy is an inspiring leader and is widely acknowledged for her skills and contribution to the healthcare industry. Beginning her career as a registered nurse, Kathy has had extensive experience in nursing and executive management in healthcare, holding senior executive positions in Area Health Services and the NSW Health corporate office, with her most recent position being that of Chief Nurse for NSW.

Kathy has held all Executive positions on the Board / Council of The College of Nursing and currently serves in the role of President. She is a Senior Coach for the Studer Group Australia and New Zealand, an Adjunct Professor, awarded an Honorary Fellow with the University of Technology, Sydney for her extensive contribution toward nursing education reform within the health industry, and has also been awarded an Adjunct Professorship with the University of Western Sydney.

Kathy was recently appointed as a Member in The General Division of the Order of Australia for service to the nursing profession through contributions to education and the promotion of clinical excellence.

Susanne Macri AM



Sue is a widely respected aged care advocate with extensive experience as a Director of Nursing and CEO in the private hospital system.

Sue has represented the aged care industry at both a state and national level on Ministerial working parties, committees and reviews including the Macri Panel on Nursing Home Documentation and Accountability Report, the National Review of Nursing Education and the National Nursing and Nursing Education Taskforce. In 2007 she was appointed as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for service to the community in the area of aged care, particularly in the review and development of industry standards, accreditation and future management practices, and to nurse education and training.

Sue was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Australian Catholic University for her contribution to aged care and to nursing and nursing education and training. She is currently an honorary director on the board of RSL LifeCare and an Associate Commissioner working on the Australian Government Productivity Commission's inquiry into Caring for Older Australians.

"Kathy and Sue bring a wealth of experience to our Board. Their knowledge of the industry and familiarity with a number of the regions in which we operate brings significant value to RDNS and are the perfect complement to our Board" RDNS Chairman, Paul Montgomery said.

In taking on the role, Kathy Baker stated, "I am delighted to be joining the Board of RDNS at this exciting stage of the organisation's national expansion and am looking forward to assisting with the achievement of its future goals".

In commenting on her recent appointment, Sue Macri said she was looking forward to making a significant contribution and was excited to add her skills and perspective to the RDNS Board as the organisation embarks on a period of significant growth and diversification.

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About RDNS

RDNS is a not-for-profit healthcare organisation and Australia's largest provider of community nursing and healthcare services. Over 1,600 nurses and support staff provide 24-hour care to almost 35,000 clients, making over 1.8 million visits annually. RDNS also operates TasCarepoint in Hobart on behalf of the Tasmanian government, providing a central point for people to access community care services. In New Zealand, RDNS New Zealand provides packages of home care for people in Auckland.

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