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RDNS APPOINTS NEW CEO

Major nursing and healthcare provider RDNS (Royal District Nursing Service) has appointed a new Chief Executive Officer.

Stephen Muggleton took up the position at RDNS' Head Office in St Kilda on August 22. He replaces Dan Romanis who tendered his resignation in April after 17 years in the job.

Mr Muggleton is a highly respected healthcare CEO with a reputation as an innovative and transformational leader.

RDNS Board Chairman, Paul Montgomery, says that Mr Muggleton's successful career leading health organisations positions him perfectly for heading RDNS, which is pursuing a growth and diversity agenda.

"We have the utmost confidence that Stephen will be best able to lead RDNS through the significant changes that face our sector while delivering on the ambitious goals we have set for our growth," Mr Montgomery says

"The Board has selected Stephen as the person to take up the leadership of RDNS at this most critical time and we look forward to working closely with him as we meet the challenges of the future."

Mr Muggleton commenced his health career as part of a team that commissioned the then largest teaching hospital in New South Wales, the John Hunter Hospital.

He stayed at the hospital in a range of leadership roles including six years as Australia's first non-clinical Chair of Surgery.

His subsequent leadership of the Royal Darwin Hospital was marked with a Prime Minister's Award as Employer of the Year and an Emergency Services Australia Award for Post Disaster Management.

Mr Muggleton was the Executive Director of Blue Care for the last eight years where his efforts to empower front line care staff generated a series of workforce and care innovations.

His leadership contributed to Blue Care being recognised in 2010 with a Premier's Award as a Queensland Great, Q150 Icon status and a Reconciliation Award, while Mr Muggleton was the recipient of the inaugural AIM Award as Queensland Not-for-Profit Manager of the Year.

RDNS is one of Australia's most respected providers of home nursing and healthcare.

RDNS makes around 1.8 million visits to more than 35,000 clients in Greater Melbourne, parts of regional Victoria and New South Wales each year, delivering 700,000 hours of direct care and travelling over 9 million kilometres in the process.

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