

PRESS RELEASE

NEAS Australia today announced that Chair of the Board of Directors, Ms Denise Taylor, will be stepping down from the role at the end of this year. Ms Tanya Buchanan, currently serving on the NEAS Australia Board, has been appointed to the position, effective 6 February 2020.

Ms Taylor commented, "The appointment of Tanya as Chair was the unanimous decision of the NEAS Australia Board of Directors, and I can think of no better person to take on this role. Tanya has been a NEAS Director since June 2019 and has made an outstanding contribution to date."

Ms Buchanan brings a wealth of experience, having worked in the not-for-profit sector for most of her career. She is the current CEO of the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand and has also served on multiple boards. She is currently Deputy Chair of the Asbestos Diseases Research Foundation. Ms Buchanan holds an MBA and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

"In Denise's time as Chair since 2012, NEAS Australia has grown significantly thanks to Denise's carriage of the Board, her support for NEAS committees and staff and her commitment to Quality Assurance. Next year, NEAS will celebrate its 30th year of advancing education by providing quality assurance services to the English Language Teaching (ELT) industry and I would like to thank Denise for everything she has done for our organisation and our community," emphasised Dr Patrick Pheasant, Chief Executive Officer, NEAS.

After handing over to Ms Buchanan, Ms Taylor will remain on the Board as a Director.

NEAS Australia provides several services that support the ELT Community. This includes quality assurance and endorsement for ELT Centres, professional development for teachers, managers and professional staff, and approval of ELT teacher qualifications. The NEAS Quality Assurance Framework establishes and upholds high standards, supports centres in demonstrating quality in their programs and services, and provides guidance in continuous improvement processes.

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