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## **Community First Step Appoints New CEO, John Gilmore.**

Community First Step (CFS), a Fairfield based not-for-profit organisation supporting the local community to overcome social and economic disadvantage, have appointed John Gilmore as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). John replaces Lesley Jordan, interim CEO, who leaves after 12 successful months leading CFS.

John will take up his appointment at CFS on 11 November 2019. He brings a strong background in the not-for-profit sector and has until recently led the team at Adele Training Farm, a social enterprise with multiple business and training streams.

“Lesley has been a wonderful interim CEO teaming with the board to build a long-term strategy and develop a management team to execute against this strategy. It is now time to pass the baton to a long-term CEO. John has proven himself in past roles to be an exceptional leader, whose experience stabilising organisations during periods of significant change was a key factor in his appointment” said Matthew Day, Chair of CFS.

John joins at a time when CFS is forging an exciting future after a year of changes and consolidation, with a continued focus on creating opportunities for the larger community of clients within the Fairfield area. With a remit across the three core service areas of CFS – Disability Services, Community Services and Children’s Services – the role is varied and challenging, though amply supported by a passionate, experienced and committed team of staff.

The board, leadership team and all staff at CFS welcome their new CEO to the role and look forward to the initiatives which John, with his broad and varied employment history which includes consulting and corporate roles, will undoubtedly bring to the organisation.

For more details please contact Lesley Jordan, Interim CEO on 0431 270 551 or Matthew Day, Chair on 0402 137535.