

## **Announcement about Mr Alastair Lucas AM**

It is with regret that we announce that Mr Alastair Lucas, Chairman of Investment Banking at Goldman Sachs Australia, will take extended leave from two chairman roles in health and medical research after being unexpectedly diagnosed with a serious illness over the weekend.

Alastair is Chairman of both the Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health (Burnet Institute) and the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Action Group. He also serves on the board of Research Australia and is founder and Chair of Cell Care Australia.

The Burnet Institute, which is focussed on better health for poor and vulnerable communities, has been chaired by Alastair for the last 12 years.

Alastair has a wide-reaching interest in and commitment to health and medical research. Most recently this has manifest itself in his role as Chairman of the MRFF Action Group, a group that represents all medical research in Australia.

The MRFF Action Group, which was launched late last month and is advocating for the establishment of the \$20 billion fund to support medical research, was established largely through Alastair's foresight. His capacity to galvanise the entire community in this way, across all disparate sectors, is unprecedented in Australia.

Mr Robert Milne, long-term Burnet Board member, will become Acting Chairman of Burnet in Mr Lucas' absence. The Chairman of Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute and Vice-Chairman of UBS Australia, Mr Peter Scott, will become Chairman of the MRFF Action Group. He will be supported by Deputy Chairs Mr Matthew Grounds (Chief Executive of UBS Australasia, Chairman of Victor Chang Institute and Council Member of the University of NSW) and Mr Ian Smith (board member of Baker IDI).

While he will not be involved on a day-to-day basis as he focuses on his treatment, Alastair will remain the Foundation Chair of the MRFF Action Group and provide strategic input into what he considers to be one of the most significant developments in health in this country's history. We look forward to his return to the Chairmanship of the Burnet in coming months.

Alastair's exemplary leadership throughout the health and medical research sector has already saved and improved the lives of many people and promises to save and improve the lives of many more in the future.

We wish Alastair, his family and close friends well as he takes on this unexpected challenge.

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Director & CEO, Burnet Institute  
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Mr Rob Milne  
Acting Chairman, Burnet Institute  
Chairman, Cockram Group

Mr Peter Scott  
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