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Leo Kelly appointed as Chair of FuturePlus

Leo Kelly, Mayor of Blacktown City Council and Vice President of the Local Government Association of NSW, has been appointed Chair of FuturePlus.

Mr Kelly is a member of the NSW Local Government Committee for Planning, Environment and Industrial Waste Management and a member of the NSW Local Government Boundaries Commission.

He has been a FuturePlus group board member for more than nine years. His appointment is part of the rotation of the FuturePlus Chair between its two major shareholders – the Local Government Super Scheme (LGSS) and the Energy Industries Super Scheme (EISS). John Whelan, a board director of EISS, remains Deputy Chair.

EISS Chair David Croft congratulated Mr Kelly on his appointment. “I have worked alongside Leo for years, and am delighted to have him as Chair of FuturePlus,” he said.

Brian Harris, Chair of LGSS, also warmly welcomed Mr Kelly to the role. “Leo has been a senior director on the LGSS board for many years. I have no doubt that his tremendous experience in superannuation and knowledge of member needs will be the bedrock of his leadership role at FuturePlus,” he said.

Mr Kelly said he was delighted to accept the appointment. “FuturePlus is an amazing organisation, and I look forward to helping build on its successes,” he said.

“Only five years ago, FuturePlus managed \$3 billion in assets. Now with the two schemes and other associated organisations having nearly \$12 billion in assets, and with Chifley Financial Services playing a significant role in our organisation for the past seven years, our goal is to keep building on this achievement.

“Under my leadership, and with the dedication and expertise of the board and staff, FuturePlus will continue to grow its assets under management and achieve strong returns for fund members while keeping a strong focus on maintaining its enviable levels of wide-ranging expert services.

“FuturePlus is uniquely positioned in the Australian financial services sector. With a staff of more than 250 and a network of regional offices in NSW, it provides a very wide range of services to more than 138,000 superannuation fund members, clients and employers, specifically for industry funds in NSW and to the wider national super sector.



“In fact, FuturePlus is one of the largest providers of financial services to the super industry and to fund members, with a depth of resources, expertise and experience that few can match. For example FuturePlus supported LGSS to become a founding member of the Australian Local Government Superannuation Association, an association of all the Local Government Schemes in Australia.

FuturePlus’ technical expertise also leads the way amongst Industry Funds, supporting fully unitised accumulation schemes.

“The FuturePlus national call centre handles more than 150,000 inquiries a year from LGSS and EISS members and Chifley customers, and annual quantitative studies show FuturePlus has one of the highest levels of member satisfaction of any superannuation-related business.

“Our member and client services include estate planning, member and client seminars, voluntary insurance offerings, wrap accounts, investment management, asset consulting and product creation, plus our Fair Go member loyalty scheme.

“Members can take advantage of our highly regarded team of salaried financial planners, plus the Cannex Five-Star rated Chifley home loan products through our arrangement with Select Credit Union, and member discounts with Manchester Unity.”

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About FuturePlus:

FuturePlus Financial Services Pty Limited (FuturePlus) is co-owned by the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and the Energy Industries Superannuation Scheme. FuturePlus provides services to one of the largest industry fund groupings in Australia, with assets under management of



more than \$12 billion. FuturePlus provides a complete suite of financial, governance, investment and member services to a number of clients and more than 138,000 members.