

# Media Release

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## **New CEO for KU Children's Services: Leading provider of early childhood education**

KU Children's Services, Australia's leading provider of early childhood education, today announced the appointment of Ms Christine Legg as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Previously KU's General Manager, Early Childhood Education and Care, Christine's career in early childhood education spans more than 30 years including having been a Teacher, Director, and an Educational Consultant to a number of child care services.

"It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Christine Legg as the new CEO," said David Bryant, Chairman of KU's Board of Directors.

"Chris has extensive experience and long association with KU, along with her strong working relationships within the early education sector and community," Mr Bryant explained.

"KU's Board is confident that Christine is the ideal person to lead KU into the future, particularly during a time when the implementation of the National Quality Reforms and the Early Years Learning Framework represent both positive change and great operational challenges for the sector."

Christine is also a member of the Board of Early Childhood Australia (ECA) and is a member of the Executive Committee of ECA NSW Branch.

The appointment of Ms Legg, who will assume the role on Monday 11 April 2011, follows the resignation of Ms Sheridan Dudley who has been KU's CEO since mid 2007.

Ms Dudley leaves KU to take up the role of Chief of Staff to the new NSW Minister for Education, The Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP.

In farewelling Ms Dudley, Mr Bryant said "The Board would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Sheridan for her four years of service, and the incredible contribution she has made to KU during that time."

"Sheridan's experience within the early childhood sector will make her a valuable asset to the Minister's Office, particularly now that children's services have moved into the Education portfolio. We wish her every success in the future."

KU Children's Services is Australia's leading provider of early childhood education and care, and has been enriching the lives of children, families and communities since opening the country's first kindergarten in 1895. Today KU operates over 150 children's services nationally including preschools, long day care, out of school hours care, vacation care, occasional care, family programs and other early childhood education and care services. KU is proudly a not for profit organisation.

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