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Domestic Abuse Resource and Training Institute Australia Inc (DART) Announces Board

DART, a leading organisation dedicated to providing evidence-based and expert domestic abuse training, is pleased to announce the appointment of its Board Members. This distinguished group of professionals brings a wealth of experience and expertise to guide the organisation in achieving its mission and strategic goals.

Board Members:

Sophie Manera, Chair: Sophie is currently a Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in the NSW Registry, has a background as an immigration lawyer and advocate for victim-survivors of family violence

Kathy Greenwood, Co-Chair: Kathy has been employed in many lived experience roles across the mental health sector for almost 20 years.

Sharon Cumbers, Board Secretary: Sharon is dedicated to breaking the cycle of family violence and her special interests are all things child protection, including online safety for children. She serves as a Family Violence Prosecutor and volunteers as a ThinkUKnow presenter in her spare time.

Ben Higgins, Treasurer: Ben is the CFO of a residential aged care provider with homes in Western Australia and Victoria.

Allan Ball, Member: With over 20 years in executive management in public and social sectors, Allan is a visionary and passionate leader dedicated to human-centered design and addressing global social issues

Daniel Principe, Member: Daniel is a youth advocate and educator. He is an ambassador for the Women's Resilience Centre and an ambassador for the national campaign Consent Can't Wait.

Martina Ucnikova, Member: Martina currently serves as an Adviser to the Hon. Patrick Gorman MP, Assistant Minister to Prime Minister and Assistant Minister for the Public Service.

"We are thrilled to welcome these exceptional individuals to our newly established Board," said Jolene Ellat, CEO of DART Institute Australia Inc. "Their diverse backgrounds and shared commitment to our mission will be invaluable as we continue to expand our impact and reach new milestones."

The board members will provide strategic oversight, governance, and support to DART Institute Australia Inc as it continues to work to build a family and domestic violence (FDV) informed whole of community, whole of service systems responses through workforce development consultation and support.

DART Institute Australia's vision is clear. Family violence is preventable. DART works to build an FDV-informed system-wide workforce where everyone understands their roles and responsibilities and has the knowledge and skills required to provide safe, family violence-informed, and culturally appropriate responses to victim-survivors and users of violence. We are working towards creating safer homes, safer schools, safer workplaces, and safer communities. Since its founding in 2023, the organisation has impacted the community and participants in WA and nationwide through training, advocacy, and consulting in collaboration with various organisations.

For more information about DART Institute and our training, please visit www.dartinstitute.org.au or contact Sharon Tanner, Operations Manager at sharon@dartinstitute.org.au

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