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RUN WELCOMES NEW CHAIR

The Regional Universities Network is pleased to announce the appointment to Chair of Professor Chris Moran, Vice-Chancellor and CEO of the University of New England.

Professor Moran succeeds Southern Cross University Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Tyrone Carlin, who has led the network with distinction for the past two years.

Professor Moran said he is honoured to lead the peak body for regional universities and champion the critical role regional Australia plays in the shaping the national tertiary education agenda.

"Regional Australia is home to our most resilient and innovative communities. Yet, the disparity between metropolitan and regional educational outcomes remains a critical challenge that demands ongoing attention.

"My priority as Chair is to steadfastly advocate for regional universities and the communities they serve.

"It is time that the systemic inequities regional Australians face regarding access to essential services, education, infrastructure, and fair funding models is addressed.

"Regional universities serve as the anchor institutions that help bridge these gaps, and I look forward to ensuring that the voice of regional Australia is central to the formation of higher education policy," said Professor Moran.

Professor Moran paid tribute to the outgoing Chair, Professor Tyrone Carlin, noting his significant impact on the work of the Regional Universities Network.

"I would like to sincerely thank Professor Carlin for his exemplary leadership over the last two years.

"His dedication and strategic guidance have been invaluable to the network, and he leaves a formidable legacy of advocacy that I am eager to build upon," Professor Moran said.

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