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WAAMH thanks Mental Health Commissioner Eddie Bartnik

The Western Australian Association for Mental Health (WAAMH) would like to acknowledge the vast contribution our good friend, Mental Health Commissioner Eddie Bartnik has made during his tenure at the Mental Health Commission in WA.

This acknowledgement follows Premier Colin Barnett's announcement that Mr Bartnik, the state's first ever Mental Health Commissioner, will step down from his role on February 17 and be replaced by Tim Marney.

WAAMH president Alison Xamon thanks Mr Bartnik for his contribution to the mental health sector over the past three and a half years as Commissioner and looks forward to working with Mr Marney.

"We would like to thank Eddie for his unwavering support to mental health in general, the WA Association for Mental Health and to the sector, and wish him all the best as he embarks on his new venture next month," Ms Xamon said.

"Tim has served on the board of beyondblue since 2008 and has been deputy chair of the board for the past three years.

"Alongside his in-depth understanding of government and reform, Tim has also been a vocal advocate of mental health issues, speaking openly about his own experience with depression and anxiety.

"We are looking forward to continuing a strong and positive relationship with Tim in the Commissioner's role."

About WAAMH

The Western Australian Association for Mental Health (WAAMH) has been engaged in the mental health sector for more than 50 years. WAAMH is the peak body representing the community-managed mental health sector in WA, with more than 100 organisational and individual members. Our vision is to lead the way in supporting and promoting the human rights of people with mental illness, their families and carers, through the provision of inclusive, well-governed community-based services, focused on recovery. WAAMH advocates for effective public policy on mental health issues, delivers workforce training and sector development, and promotes positive mental health and wellbeing. Further information on WAAMH can be found at <http://www.waamh.org.au>

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