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### **Maggie Beer Foundation welcomes Chair**

The Maggie Beer Foundation this week announced the appointment of its new Board Chair, Ms Julia Davison AM.

“The Foundation is very excited that Julia will step into the role at a time when the Foundation is spreading its wings,” said Founder and Director, Maggie Beer AO. “We continue to grow our support of cooks, chefs and kitchen teams in aged care homes, but we are extending well beyond that to pursue new initiatives that drive home the vital nexus between eating well and ageing well, including projects to support older people to eat well at home.”

“Julia’s standing as a Director, Board Chair and senior leader in philanthropic, not-for-profit and social impact organisations, will be invaluable as we take our next steps,” said Maggie.

Julia is a passionate supporter of the Foundation’s vision, and brings significant governance, advocacy and leadership experience to the Maggie Beer Foundation Board, having previously chaired the Coaxial Foundation Board, the Catherine House Board and the Board of the Girl Academy in Cape York. She has been CEO of Flinders Medical Centre, WorkCover SA and Goodstart Early Learning and is currently a director of the Paul Ramsay Foundation. In 2023, Julia was made a member of the Order of Australia for significant services to children, youth and community.

“I am absolutely delighted to join the Maggie Beer Foundation,” said Ms Davison. “I admire the work of the Foundation and the rigour, ambition and passion which drives it. The Foundation Board is impressive, and its staff team, based all over Australia, is skilled, clever and committed.”

Foundation Deputy Chair, Aditi Dhawan, said, “We set an exacting search criteria and timeline. We could not be more pleased with the result. Julia Davison is an experienced chief executive and non-executive director whose career spans organisations across social impact, health, early childhood education and public administration.

“Her governance experience includes chairing a philanthropic foundation and serving on national boards concerned with community wellbeing, economic participation and major grant-making. She has worked extensively with state and federal governments, regulators and community partners,” said Ms Dhawan.

#### **About The Maggie Beer Foundation**

The Maggie Beer Foundation was established in 2014. Access to good, nutritious, enjoyable food that supports health, dignity, connection and wellbeing is fundamental to ageing well. In collaboration with older people, carers, researchers, foodies, aged care teams and clinicians, we work to improve the food experience and, with it, the quality of life for current and future generations of older people wherever they live.