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The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) Announces New Chair

Ann Sherry AO, formerly the Deputy Chair of AIEF, has been elected as the new Chair of AIEF following the resignation of Ray Martin AM earlier this month.

The AIEF Board and executive team are delighted that Ann has accepted this role as AIEF moves into the next stage of growth in delivering programs to empower more Indigenous children to build a brighter future for themselves and for the nation.

Under Ray's four years of Chairmanship AIEF experienced a period of rapid growth and success, from delivering just one scholarship in 2008 to over 300 students at schools and universities across Australia in 2012. In addition, AIEF has reached its first target of raising \$40 million in just under three years and almost eighteen years ahead of schedule.

The AIEF Board thanks Ray for his tireless efforts and support as the founding Chairman of AIEF and his considerable contribution to the success of AIEF during his period of stewardship.

Ray commented, "I am very proud of the part I was able to play in kick-starting AIEF. I remain a committed supporter of its role in 'Closing the Gap' of disadvantage amongst Indigenous Australians."

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