



Bobby Goldsmith  
Foundation

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## ***Bobby Goldsmith Foundation CEO and Company Secretary steps down after nine years of leadership.***

**Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (BGF) President Carla Treloar has announced that Nick Lawson has stepped down as CEO and Company Secretary, after an impressive tenure of nearly nine years in the role.**

Nick joined BGF following a celebrated international NGO career with Médecins Sans Frontières and The Fred Hollows Foundation, joining with a clear passion for helping communities thrive.

Professor Treloar said “Nick has had a profound impact on the mission Bobby Goldsmith Foundation proudly serves; standing by and supporting people living with HIV, which we have done for more than 40 years.”

Nick led BGF through the reimagining of service offerings to meet growing needs in NDIS and aged care, along with a permanent presence in Western Sydney to serve emerging needs of those living with HIV and growing services in Northern NSW and in South Australia. Throughout these strategic projects, Nick maintained strong stakeholder relationships across the sector and with important government and regulatory bodies. Nick leaves behind a strong organisation with a high calibre team to continue BGF’s unique role in the community.

Nick was also CEO and Company Secretary during the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2024, which included a range of meaningful occasions and saw BGF awarded the HIV Hero Award at the 2024 ACON Honour Awards.

Nick said “I’m very proud of the service and support that BGF offers to some of the most marginalised members of Australian society. Our solidarity with all people living with HIV has been absolutely steadfast for more than 40 years, and I am honoured to have stood alongside, and worked with, our incredibly courageous family of clients as they have navigated the most extraordinary challenges.

I am equally as proud to have worked with an amazing team, and all those who have given their time at BGF. The selflessness, proactivity, extra mile gone, integrity and love through which they make our clients’ lives that much better is truly humbling to observe.

BGF is now well geared to take its next very important steps, and it has the most amazing team to ensure our clients’ dignity will be, as always, at the heart of everything we do.”

Professor Treloar said, “on behalf of the Board, I thank Nick for his long years of service and wish him all the very best for the next chapter.”



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Nick finished his tenure at BGF on Friday 12 December 2025.

Mike Searle, Director Client Services will be Acting CEO until further notice.

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### **ABOUT BGF:**

Bobby Goldsmith was one of the first Australians to die from an AIDS-related illness in 1984. In his final weeks, his friends came together to ensure he could remain at home, surrounded by love and treated with dignity. He died at home, just as he wished – cared for with compassion by the people who loved him.

From that act of love, Bobby Goldsmith Foundation was formed. His friends set a powerful precedent – if support could be provided for one person, it could be done for many.

We are the legacy of that dedicated group of friends.

For more than 40 years, BGF has been a lifeline for people living with HIV, providing practical, emotional and financial support to help them live well and independently. We remain the only community-based organisation in Australia solely focused on delivering frontline services to people living with HIV.

BGF has since expanded its services to include disability support – particularly for the LGBTQIA+ community and others seeking inclusive, progressive, person-centred care. We are a registered NDIS provider, accredited under the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

BGF is a registered not-for-profit with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. We have no political or religious affiliation – just a commitment to helping people live with dignity, on their own terms.

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