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**FROM:** Bronwen Heathfield, Director, Participation Branch

**DATE:** 04/11/2015

**SUBJECT:** *Appointment of new ACFE Board Chair*

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

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The Minister for Training and Skills, the Hon. Steve Herbert MP, today announced a new chair for the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board.

Sue Christophers will take over the role from Ron Wilson, who has been acting chair since July.

Until recently, Ms Christophers was Executive Director in the International Education Division of the Victorian Department of Education and Training. Awarded a Public Service Medal in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List 2015, Ms Christophers has led policy and service delivery reform at state, national and international level, including increasing Victorian government school enrolments of fee paying international students and establishing the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program. From 2000 to 2003, she led the Department’s support of the ACFE Board.

I look forward to working with Ms Christophers and yourselves to continue to help Victorians develop new skills, start on pathways to employment and become better connected to their communities through their experience of community-based adult education.

See Media Release: <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/new-chair-of-victorias-peak-community-education-board>