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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MULTICAP ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER, SPECIALISED SERVICES, MR SIMON WARDALE

Multicap CEO, Joanne Jessop, would like to announce the recent appointment of Mr Simon Wardale, to the position of General Manager, Specialised Services.

Simon comes to the organisation with a wealth of knowledge, specifically pertaining to his expertise in positive behaviour support (PBS).

Simon has worked with people with intellectual disability and challenging behaviours for approximately 30 years. Across his career, Simon has had many roles from front line worker, to manager of clinical services, while also working in statutory positions with responsibility across Queensland. Regardless of the role, Simon has maintained a steadfast focus on embedding evidence based practice at all levels of the service system.

Simon has a history of successful development of communities of practice in behaviour supports, bringing together all stakeholders of varied skills to form coordinated teams.

"I have had many different roles in this sector, spanning nearly 30 years. I have been a direct support worker, team leader, senior manager, practice leader and academic. This experience has helped me translate theory into practice, with a constant focus on facilitating better outcomes for the people we support," Simon said.

Simon has recent publications on behaviour support plan quality, staff training in PBS, and has also submitted outcomes for defendants with an intellectual disability in court. His current research projects include the development of a PBS quality audit instrument for parents and non-clinicians, and evaluating the health and safety outcomes for front line workers using high quality PBS.

"We are looking forward to having another dedicated and highly skilled professional join the Multicap family", Joanne Jessop said.

"Employing industry professionals like Simon will continue to enhance our services and create opportunities for customers and potential customers as the NDIS continues to roll out in South East Queensland," she added.

At Multicap, we have been delivering services and support to people with disability, particularly those with complex support needs, for over 55 years. We currently have over 900 highly skilled staff who support over 1200 people across Queensland and Northern NSW. Our range of services includes supported independent living, short term accommodation, centre-based and community programs, assisted employment, social support activities, positive behaviour support and emergency accommodation responses.

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