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New President for peak women's health body

The peak body for women's health specialists, the National Association of Specialist Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (NASOG) has elected leading specialist Dr Gary Swift as President. He was previously Vice President, and has worked closely with the NASOG Council for a number of years.

Dr Swift is a practising Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, in addition to operating one of the leading Gold Coast IVF and fertility clinics. Along with his diverse practice, Dr Swift works across both the public and private sectors.

Dr Swift paid tribute to outgoing President, Dr Mike Aitken, for his leadership.

"I welcome the opportunity to continue to represent Australian women and their babies to ensure their interests remain at the forefront of Government policy development and debate", Dr Swift said. "I look forward to leveraging Dr Aitken's great work on engaging with stakeholders and building strong relationships. Dr Aitken remains on the NASOG Council and will continue to play a key role for some time in our advocacy space."

Dr Stephen Lane will take up the role as Vice President. Dr Lane, based in Adelaide, is passionate about providing patients with the highest standards of care.

Together with the new CEO of NASOG, Ms Caroline Khalil, the newly elected executive is appointed at a pivotal time in the political cycle with the Government preparing to enter a vital election year while continuing with major reforms such as the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) review.

Dr Swift said that NASOG had been working closely with the Government to identify areas of potential savings with the view of savings being reinvested into the obstetric safety net.

"It is vital all mothers are provided with affordable access to high quality health care, and good obstetric and gynaecological outcomes are not put at risk", Dr Swift said.

"We will be working closely with the Government in developing policies aimed at ensuring optimal health outcomes for women and their babies". ENDS

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