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Funding Announced for Kidney Disease National Strategic Action Plan

Kidney Health Australia will receive \$170,000 from the Turnbull Government for the development of a National Strategic Action Plan for kidney disease. The Plan will contain guidance, goals and identify specific actions to achieve goals for kidney disease care.

53 Australians die every day with kidney-related disease. Approximately 1.7 million people in Australia are living with chronic kidney disease, including more than 11,100 people who have received a kidney transplant and over 12,700 who undertake dialysis treatment.

To tackle these statistics, under the Plan Kidney Health Australia will identify existing kidney disease initiatives and build upon gaps, needs and opportunities.

A widespread consultation process to develop evidence-based recommendations will see Kidney Health Australia engage with patients, health professionals as well as state and territory organisations and government representatives. Recommendations will sit beside global level Policy Statements and steer direction to achieve key goals, actions and priorities for addressing kidney disease.

Kidney Health Australia Interim Chief Executive Officer, Dr Lisa Murphy, says it is an honour to lead such a vital piece of work on a national scale, which will strongly impact how kidney disease is addressed in the future.

The funds to develop the Plan are welcome at a time where kidney disease is an under-diagnosed problem on the rise nationally. "One in three Australians is at increased risk of developing kidney related disease. Most people are tragically unaware they have it until it is too late," said Dr Murphy.

Kidney Health Australia anticipate the National Strategic Action Plan will provide direction and opportunities to build upon their valuable work to promote good kidney health through education, advocacy, research and support.

Kidney Health Australia is a not-for-profit and the peak body for kidney health in Australia with a vision 'to save and improve the lives of people living in Australia affected by kidney disease'. In 2018 Kidney Health Australia celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

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