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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **PROFESSOR JOHN MILLS APPOINTED AS NEW CHAIR OF PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA'S RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor John Mills as Chair of its Research Committee.

The PCFA provides funding for research into the cause, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of prostate cancer. The role of the PCFA's Research Committee is to review and advise on funding applications for prostate cancer research.

As the new Chair of the PCFA's Research Committee, Professor Mills says he aims to provide a transparent, well-organised and academically rigorous venue for the funding of worthwhile research projects focused on prostate cancer.

"I have been able to pull together an outstanding group of scientists to be members of the committee. We look forward to having a significant impact on Australian prostate cancer research," said Professor Mills.

Mr Andrew Giles, Chief Executive of the PCFA said the organisation is privileged to have the experience and expertise that Professor Mills brings to the Research Committee.

"As the peak national body for prostate cancer, the PCFA's efforts focus on the areas of support for those affected by prostate cancer; general community awareness; and research. The PCFA will rely heavily on Professor Mills' expertise and leadership to ensure it supports research projects that will ultimately benefit the more than 12,000 Australian men affected by prostate cancer each year," said Mr Giles.

## **PROFESSOR JOHN MILLS – CHAIR OF THE PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA'S RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

Professor John Mills is currently Director of TissuPath Pty Ltd, a private, Melbourne-based histopathology and cytogenetics laboratory, with a particular interest in uropathology. As such, it plays a major role in prostate cancer tissue banking in Victoria. TissuPath is also a founding member of the Victorian Prostate Cancer Research Consortium and an Associate of the Victorian Tissue Banking Initiative.

Previously, Professor Mills was Director of the Burnet Institute, Australia's premier infectious disease and public health research institute. Prior to that, Professor Mills was Head of the Infectious Disease Division of University of California at San Francisco (UCSF), and a Professor of Medicine, Microbiology, Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology.

Professor Mills has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Chicago and an MD from Harvard. He trained in research and clinical medicine at Boston City Hospital, the US National Institutes of Health, and the University of California at San Francisco.

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