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**Subject** nib foundation appoints new Chairman

nib foundation has welcomed Keith Lynch as Chairman of the Hunter-based charitable organisation.

Mr Lynch's appointment to the Board of Trustees comes following the retirement of Terry Lawler as Chairman. Mr Lawler was Chairman of nib foundation since it was established in 2008.

Mr Lynch brings to the nib foundation more than 30 years' board experience as a former Director of the nib group, where he was also Chairman from 2001 until his retirement in 2011.

It was during this time that he helped establish nib foundation by supporting the creation of the charitable foundation during nib's demutualisation in 2007.

Mr Lynch said he is looking forward to working with the foundation's Board to fund community based programs that meet the needs of young people and carers in an engaging and practical way.

"When we first established the foundation we recognised the need to support not for profit organisations to address health and wellbeing issues and improve the lives of all Australians, with a particular focus on the Hunter," Mr Lynch said.

"nib foundation's vision remains the same today and I'm excited to assist the foundation in delivering this aim by partnering with great local and national organisations to allow them to run their unique programs," he added.

Mr Lynch has thanked departing Chairman, Mr Lawler for his dedication to the foundation during its formative years.

"Terry has played an instrumental role in establishing nib foundation within the Hunter and philanthropic community helping to create successful partnerships that have made a significant difference to the lives of thousands of Australians," Mr Lynch said.

"We thank Terry for his hard work over the past four years and wish him all the best," Mr Lynch said.

To date, nib foundation has committed more than \$10 million in funding to over 40 community and national health and wellbeing programs. For more information about nib foundation visit [nibfoundation.com.au](http://nibfoundation.com.au)

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