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## SENSES AUSTRALIA WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Beth Gordon and Colin Emmott have recently joined Senses Australia's Board of Management.

Both Chartered Accountants, Beth brings with her more than 25 years' experience as a finance executive in the international mining and construction industries, while Colin has been in the profession for over 35 years and is Partner of HLB Mann Judd.

Beth and Colin both say they were attracted to Senses Australia as they felt that they would like to be able to contribute to a worthy cause and give something back to the community.

"There is no better way to give back to the community than through voluntary work," explains Colin.

"After a long standing relationship with JDRF, I was looking for a new challenge and have been really impressed with everything I have seen with Senses Australia so far," he says.

Beth says she was attracted to Senses Australia for two reasons.

"Firstly it is an extremely well-run organisation with a long and prestigious history of service to the community. Secondly, as the disability sector faces a dynamic environment, I believe the skills I gained in my corporate career can assist Senses as it faces the emerging commercial and strategic issues likely to arise. I am looking forward to being part of the Board and playing a role in helping Senses Australia evolve," she says.

Debbie Karasinski, Senses Australia's Chief Executive Officer says the not for profit organisation is excited to have Beth and Gordon join the team.

"Our Board plays a vital role at Senses Australia, having overall governance of the organisation, appointing the Executive Officer and setting the organisation's strategic direction," says Debbie.

"The skills, knowledge and expertise both Beth and Colin bring with them will help guide Senses Australia into the future to help ensure our services remain relevant to the needs of our clients as the Disability Sector experiences unprecedented changes."

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## **Beth Gordon BCom (UWA), MBA (Melb), MSc (Min Ec) (Curtin), CA, GAICD**

Beth has worked in the international mining and professional services industries in site, project and corporate roles in China, Indonesia, UK, USA and Australia. She has considerable experience working with multiple stakeholders from diverse cultural and technical backgrounds on commercial, strategic and community issues.

Now a consultant, Beth advises boards and executive management on strategy and risk management, commercial and continuous improvement initiatives.

A chartered accountant, she holds degrees in mineral economics from Curtin University, an MBA from the Melbourne Business School and a Bachelor of Commerce from UWA.

## **Colin Emmott**

Colin, a Chartered Accountant and Partner of HLB Mann Judd, has been in the profession for over 35 years. He is well regarded by many WA businesses, providing a broad range of business advisory services including succession planning, taxation and compliance, strategic planning consulting and management advice.

A registrar of the Pharmacy Registration Board of WA since its inception in 2010, Colin was also Registrar of both the Chiropractors and the Optometrist Registration Board for over 25 years prior to National registration.

Colin is also the independent chair of the ReddiFund and Mates in Construction (WA). He also sits on the Board of the National Body, Mates in Construction Ltd.

Colin is the immediate past Chairman of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in WA, a position he held for eight years.

A Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, Colin holds a Bachelor of Business from the WA Institute of Technology (now Curtin University). He is also a Registered Company Auditor and a Registered Tax Agent.

## **Senses Australia**

Senses Australia is a charitable, not for profit organisation which provides disability support services to people of all ages throughout Western Australia. Senses Australia's unique service speciality is the provision of services to people who are deafblind.

Senses Australia has a long standing history in Western Australia and will be celebrating 120 years of supporting the community in 2015.

To find out more about Senses Australia please visit [www.senses.org.au](http://www.senses.org.au).

