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Breakthrough Victoria welcomes new board appointments

Breakthrough Victoria welcomes the appointment of five new directors to its board this week.

Joshua Funder, Susanne Dahn, Mark Johnson, Sandra Andersen and Kee Wong join the Board, bringing a wealth of experience in business, finance, start-ups and funds management.

They join Chair the Hon. John Brumby AO, and existing board directors, Professor Jane den Hollander AO, Dr Amanda Caples and Andrew Bassat. Together they boast decades of collective experience in science and technology, commercialisation and investment.

Breakthrough Victoria is an independently operated, government-owned company managing the \$2 billion Breakthrough Victoria Fund announced in the Victorian Budget 2020/21.

The Breakthrough Victoria Fund will drive investment in research, innovation and growth in key industry sectors like health and life-sciences, as well as agri-food, advanced manufacturing, clean energy and digital technologies.

In November last year, Breakthrough Victoria announced its first investment in partnership with CSL, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research and the University of Melbourne. The \$95 million incubator will offer biotech start-ups the infrastructure and ecosystem necessary to progress from the lab to commercialisation, offering unparalleled access to industry expertise, academic and clinical facilities and capital.

Quotes attributable to Breakthrough Victoria Chair The Hon John Brumby AO

“Our new board members will bring a great deal of skill and business acumen to the Breakthrough Victoria Board”.

“The board’s combined expertise will make a significant contribution to Breakthrough Victoria’s mission to invest in companies and entrepreneurs with breakthrough ideas”.

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