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THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF AUSTRALIA TAKES CUSTODIANSHIP OF COSMOS MAGAZINE

The Royal Institution of Australia, the national charitable institution promoting public awareness and understanding of science, will take custodianship of highly respected national publication, COSMOS Magazine, the quarterly publication that inspires curiosity in “The Science of Everything” and makes the world of science accessible to everyone.

COSMOS Magazine joins The Royal Institution of Australia’s expanding science outreach and educational activities: Australia’s Science Channel, SCINEMA International Science Film Festival, Ultimate Careers for students, and the teacher resource focused Education Platform. With the addition of Cosmos Magazine into its activities, The Royal Institution of Australia will have an audience of more than 750,000 on websites, 600,000+ on social platforms, and a print readership in excess of 80,000.

COSMOS Magazine will continue to represent the pinnacle of standards around science journalism, and be an outstanding addition to leverage the range of activities of The Royal Institution of Australia to further achieve its charitable mission.

Peter Yates, Chairman of The Royal Institution of Australia said: “To add one of Australia’s most respected publications in COSMOS Magazine to our activities is an exciting prospect for The Royal Institution of Australia. As a publication with such history and standing in both the general and scientific communities, COSMOS Magazine will allow us to significantly broaden our reach of audience in pursuit of our mission to promote public awareness and understanding of all things STEM to the Australian community.”

Editor-in-Chief of COSMOS Magazine, Elizabeth Finkel said: “When we looked to find a new home for COSMOS, The Royal Institution of Australia was the natural choice. We share the same values around accurate and accessible science reporting, journalistic excellence, and passing on this craft to the up and coming generation of science journalists. As Australia’s only charity solely dedicated to communicating science, the Royal Institution also has the critical mass and funding structure to offer a sustainable model for quality science journalism into the future.

“We thank our readers and contributors from around the world, and we look forward to seeing COSMOS continue its mission to tell the great stories from the frontier,” said Finkel.

The official handover date of COSMOS Magazine to The Royal Institution of Australia will be 1 September 2018.

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