



# Media Release

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## ROSEMARY KELADA APPOINTED NEW CEO OF SPECTRUM MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE

After an extensive recruitment process, the Board of the Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre (*Spectrum*) has formally announced the appointment of **Rosemary Kelada**, Spectrum's current Finance & Corporate Services Manager and Deputy CEO, as its new CEO. This follows the recent departure of long-standing former CEO, Stephanie Lagos.

Ms Kelada has been part of the Spectrum family for 15 years, contributing to its growth and success in her management roles and being part of building the organisation from a small community centre to a multi-site, multi-service organisation that has benefited many generations of migrants and refugees. Alongside this, Ms Kelada will bring to her new role her qualifications and experience in Business (Masters in Business) and Migration.

“Rosemary was chosen from a very strong field of candidates as the best person to lead Spectrum into its next phase ensuring that Spectrum remains a market leader in the design and delivery of programs for migrants and refugees”, said Spectrum’s Chairperson, Mr **John Unger**. Mr Unger was also impressed with the pool of candidates the recruitment process drew. “It speaks volumes for the importance of multicultural services in the community sector in Victoria that we attracted such a high calibre of candidates. It also recognises that Spectrum is regarded as a cutting edge and successful organisation in the sector,” said Mr Unger.

“I very much look forward to building on Stephanie Lagos’s 12 year legacy of innovation and client-centered services,” said new Spectrum CEO, **Rosemary Kelada**. “We will continue to focus on innovative programs in settlement, family services, youth, immigration, training, employment and aged care. Spectrum will continue to cater to the needs of migrants and refugees throughout the various stages of their life and provide them with a truly integrated service. I look forward to working collaboratively with service providers to best meet the needs of our clients”.

Detailing her immediate plans as Spectrum’s new CEO, **Rosemary Kelada**, stressed the importance of responding to the issues expressed in recent consultations with newly arrived communities and key community stakeholders. Ms Kelada also indicated her plan to expand Spectrum’s parenting, youth and settlement services and secure new funding to meet the identified needs.

Rosemary Kelada’s appointment follows the resignation of Stephanie Lagos who had been with the organisation for fourteen years, overseeing many name changes and a growth that has seen its services expand beyond northern metropolitan Melbourne.

### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AND INTERVIEWS:**

A photo opportunity and interviews with Ms Kelada can be arranged.

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