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Professor Richard Larkins AO New Stroke Foundation President

The National Stroke Foundation today announced the appointment of its new President, Professor Richard Larkins AO.

Professor Larkins was Vice-Chancellor and President of Monash University for six years until July.

Professor Larkins said he looks forward to helping the National Stroke Foundation reduce the impact of stroke, Australia's second biggest killer.

He will lead the Foundation's work, building on the achievements in stroke prevention and awareness, improving treatment and life after stroke, encouraging and facilitating research as well as fundraising.

"The National Stroke Foundation has worked hard over the years to stop stroke, save lives and end suffering, however there is still a lot more to be done in order to reduce the impact of stroke," Professor Larkins said.

He previously held positions as Dean of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences and Professor of Medicine at the University of Melbourne as well as the James Stewart Chair at Royal Melbourne Hospital. He has also been Chair of the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia and President of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

Professor Larkins is an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia and his commitment to research and medicine has been recognised by a number of awards and medals including the Centenary of Federation Medal.

Professor Larkins commended his predecessor John Lill OAM, who during his seven years as President oversaw significant improvements in awareness of stroke. He also thanked Bill Forrest AM who was President in the interim following John Lill's retirement earlier this year.

About the National Stroke Foundation

The National Stroke Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to stop stroke, save lives and end suffering and is the only national charity dedicated exclusively to stroke. The Stroke Foundation is dedicated to raising awareness, preventing stroke, facilitating research, improving treatment and making life for better stroke survivors.

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