

## Media release

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### **Future2 Foundation appoints financial planning head to its Chair**

The trustees of Future2, the foundation of the financial planning profession, appointed Steve Helmich as trustee and Chair on 16 September.

A director of AMP Financial Services who has long worked for professionalism in the financial planning sector, Steve has been an active supporter of Future2 since its inception in 2007. AMP is a founding benefactor of Future2 having donated \$110,000 to its support of Australians in “necessitous circumstances”.

“Though barely two years old, Future2’s grants program is firmly established and fulfilling its mission to give a second chance and hopes for a better future to disadvantaged youth in communities around Australia”, Steve Helmich said.

“Future2’s capacity to give is limited only by the money we can raise to underpin our grants program. The next big challenge for the Foundation – and one I am determined to progress – is to engage the commitment of professionals in our industry to help people who are less fortunate and need a hand to turn around their lives. Supporting the community is a responsibility of every professional.”

Other Future2 trustees are:

Peter Bobbin, Argyle Lawyers (NSW)  
Ray Griffin CFP, Capricorn Investment Partners  
David Haintz CFP, Shadforth Financial Group  
Michael Neary, Telstra Enterprise & Government

For more about Future2’s grants program and the support of financial planners, visit [www.future2foundation.org.au](http://www.future2foundation.org.au) and view our short film, *Your support - their future*.

#### **Biography: STEVE HELMICH Director - Financial Planning, Advice & Services AMP Financial Services**

Steve Helmich has worked in the financial services industry for over 35 years. Rapid movement through the corporate structure of AMP has seen Steve gain experience in investments, customer service and distribution. He spent two years as an adviser, has led a taskforce to revamp distribution, held a State Manager role in WA, and was Managing Director of AMP Financial Planning.

In August 2000, Steve was appointed Director, Financial Planning, Advice & Services (FPAS). In this role he oversees the operation of AMP’s financial planning businesses: AMP Financial Planning; Hillcross; Arrive (acquired from PwC July 2002); and Magnify. FPAS also includes the support functions of FPAS Operations and the AMP Horizons Financial Planning Academy.

Steve was the Chairman of the Financial Planning Association (FPA) from August 2002 to November 2004. In November 2007 the FPA Board awarded Steve 'Life Membership', recognising his significant contribution and ongoing active role in the industry.

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**Digital photographs of Steve Helmich or of the Future2 board of trustees are available on request.**

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Future2 exists to support the financially under-privileged and to enable the financial planning profession and associated stakeholders to give back to the community from which they draw their livelihoods. A key factor differentiating Future2 from other foundations is the strong link it seeks to establish with FPA members who will assist with project identification, fundraising and promoting the foundation's work in the community.