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## Equity Trustees' newest appointee to look after major Australian trust, the William Buckland Foundation

Leading provider of philanthropic services in Australia, Equity Trustees, has appointed Ferdi Hepworth to its expert philanthropy team to support the work of one of Australia's largest philanthropic trusts, the William Buckland Foundation.

Ms Hepworth joins the Charitable Trusts and Philanthropy team at Equity Trustees from Social Ventures Australia, where she was Director of Partnerships and Business Development. Previously she had been Director of Engagement and Communications at Children's Ground, and National Corporate Responsibility Manager at PwC. She brings significant experience in not for profits, social enterprise and start-ups, as well as all facets of fundraising and granting.

"I've been lucky to have worked with some of the cleverest people in the social impact sector over the past fifteen years and am thrilled to join the team of specialists at Equity Trustees. The Charitable Trusts and Philanthropy team are granting experts who are engaging with the Not for Profit sector on a daily basis, this gives us a unique viewpoint across the sector, which is an amazing platform to work from" Ms Hepworth said. "The William Buckland Foundation has a well-considered, thoughtful strategy for its giving that looks closely at where the investment is needed to empower change and have a sustainable impact, I am delighted to be continuing this impressive legacy."

The William Buckland Foundation was established in 1964 and since then has distributed more than \$105 million in grants. It has a focus on improving lives of vulnerable Victorians, through grants that support better housing, health, employment and education outcomes and initiatives that build resilience and strengthen regional communities.

William Buckland's wishes are stewarded by the William Buckland Foundation trustees; Chairman Sandy Clark, Dr Jane Gilmour OAM, Graeme Sinclair and Jennifer McGregor AM alongside Equity Trustees, represented by Jodi Kennedy.

Equity Trustees distributes around \$70 million annually to Australia's charitable and not for profit sector.

"Philanthropy is an exciting and growing area of our company. Many of our clients are dedicated to improving outcomes for vulnerable Australians and we are privileged to be entrusted with this responsibility" said Jodi Kennedy, General Manager of Charitable Trusts and Philanthropy.

"Equity Trustees is deeply invested in growing and developing philanthropy in Australia. We aim to take the pain out of giving, by providing cutting edge advice and support to drive long-term impact – it's an integral part of what makes us unique as a business," she concluded.

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# Media Release



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