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### **ENCORE!**

Last weekend CFA mounted the 14<sup>th</sup> Australasian Cystic Fibrosis Digital Lay Conference and it was a great success. We are enormously grateful to everyone who participated and helped out.

Special thanks must go to our major Sponsors, LJ Hooker and Count Plus One and to all of our esteemed speakers and chairs. Extra special thanks must go to Padlokt, who were both stalwart and professional throughout all the challenges that this event threw our way. We could not have asked for better partners on this difficult undertaking.

This Conference was also the occasion for some sad goodbyes. Our CEO, Nettie Burke, is leaving her post at CFA after six dynamic years with us, she has had a defining impact on CFA and the cause of CF in Australia. Patrick O'Connor - the President of CFA and one of the most dedicated and longstanding CF advocates - is also stepping down. His warmth, wisdom and guiding hand will be missed by everyone involved with CFA.

In a way this cause is asset rich – there is no shortage of dedicated and enthusiastic campaigners, strategists and spokespeople for CF. If the 14<sup>th</sup> Lay Conference proved anything it is that everyone has something to contribute, and we hope that you take every opportunity to bring what was learned at the Conference out into the world at large.

Recordings of all the sessions will soon be hosted on Consumer Connect. We will send out an alert when they are up at which point you can view them by logging on to Consumer Connect with the same details you used to login for the Conference. Our Conference recordings will eventually be made public but (as of now) they will only be available for viewing by registered Conference attendees.

All in all, the Conference was a team effort, many of you out there were part of making this weekend the delightful, informative and action-packed experience that it was. We have big plans for the end of the year and for the beginning of 2022, and we have never been more confident in our amazing CF Community.

Best Regards,  
The Team at CFA