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Executive Director Appointment

The Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA) is pleased to announce the appointment of [Dr Guy Micklethwait](#) to the role of Executive Director (ED). Guy succeeded [Dr Brendon Barratt](#) and commenced with [ASTA](#) on Monday 6 May 2024.

ASTA President [Margaret Shepherd](#) said, 'We are delighted to be able to appoint someone of Guy's calibre. He has tremendous experience working in different roles within the education, government, science, technology and non-for-profit sectors. In considering this appointment, the [Board](#) was determined to ensure the excellent reputation and impact of ASTA is continued and enhanced. We are confident that Guy will be a strong leader, helping us to continue to extend our reach and influence, as ASTA lives its vision as the respected and influential voice of science educators across Australia.'

Guy, who gained his PhD in Science Communication at ANU, has a wide range of experience in business development, marketing, communications, leading teams and managing events. 'I am thrilled to be joining the ASTA Executive Team as we continue to harness the collective strength of our members in advocating for science educators nationally whilst empowering them through professional development and innovative resources,' Dr Micklethwait said. 'My time working at CSIRO Discovery and teaching science in universities, colleges and schools has given me great insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with science education. I have a great passion for education and am really looking forward to bringing my skills and background to the Executive Director position.'

ASTA and its member Science Teacher Associations around the country support thousands of science educators through events, professional learning programs, awards, publications, advocacy and the supply of authoritative advice by educators for educators.

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