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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### inTouch welcomes three new Board members

inTouch, Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence, has welcomed three new members to their Board of Directors. The Chair of the Board, Ms Faye Spiteri, said she was thrilled to have Alecia Rathbone, Karina Posanzini and Professor Prasuna Reddy join the organisation.

‘inTouch is governed by an eminent Board, comprising of women from diverse cultural backgrounds and with professional experience in business, law, human resources, finance, communications and non-profit leadership. We are very fortunate to have Alecia, Karina and Prasuna’s expertise, helping us bring our vision to life, guiding the strategic direction of inTouch, and ensuring the Board and organisation is future focused and demonstrating integrity in all we do, individually and collectively,’ said Ms Spiteri.

Ms Spiteri added ‘The work that inTouch does is important in shaping state, national and international agenda’s against family violence. It’s important for us to ensure we have capable women at all levels of the organisation, including the Board. Alecia, Karina and Prasuna will play an important role in the governance of inTouch – supporting refugee and migrant women who experience family violence with the utmost commitment, good governance and service excellence, ultimately helping these women and families reach their full potential.’

inTouch is the only accredited family violence service in Australia specialising in culturally tailored supported and programs for both victim-survivors and perpetrators. For over 35 years, inTouch has assisted more than 18,000 women from refugee and migrant backgrounds whose lives are devastated by family violence.

#### New Board of Director members – biographies

**Alecia Rathbone** is the General Manager of Housing Matching at the Summer Foundation and oversees the social enterprise that matches people with disability to appropriate housing. Alecia is also currently Deputy Chair of the CPA Australia Public Sector and Not for Profit Committee. She is passionate about social justice and how we can all play an active role in shaping and contributing to the communities in which we live.

**Karina Posanzini** is a qualified Certified Practicing Accountant with over 18 years’ experience in senior leadership and governance positions in the Not-for-Profit and Commercial Sectors. She is currently the Chief Operating Officer for the Institute of Public Administration Australia. Karina has a strong commitment to community service and is passionate in supporting culturally and linguistically diverse families to achieve safety and independence from abuse.

**Professor Prasuna Reddy** is Associate Dean International and Professor of Applied Health Technology in the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology at Swinburne University. Prasuna has over 10 years’ experience in senior executive director positions in research, academia and government, and a substantial history as a research academic in behavioural science, public health, humanitarian science and engineering.

To find out more about inTouch and its Board members visit the website [intouch.org.au](http://intouch.org.au) For media inquiries, contact Sonia Morabito, Communications Coordinator, on 03 9413 6568 or email [soniam@intouch.org.au](mailto:soniam@intouch.org.au)