



Michael Chisholm, CEO of LGT Wealth Management, appointed to Australian Museum Trust

Sydney, 1 June 2026: Mr Michael Chisholm, CEO of LGT Wealth Management, has been appointed to the Australian Museum (AM) Trust for an initial three-year term.

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Mr Chisholm brings more than 30 years of experience in financial services, wealth management, governance, and risk management to the role. The appointment was made by the Governor of NSW and the Minister for the Arts.

AM Trust President, Brian Hartzler, said Mr Chisholm's appointment would significantly strengthen the Board's capacity to guide the AM through a critical period of growth and community engagement.

"Michael's depth in financial strategy, governance, and risk management makes him an outstanding fit for the AM Trust at this important moment in the AM's evolution. His extensive experience partnering with the wealth sector and philanthropists means he brings perspectives that will complement and strengthen the existing board to ensure we achieve our future goals," Mr Hartzler said.

Australian Museum Director and CEO, Kim McKay AO, welcomed the appointment ahead of the AM's landmark bicentennial in 2027.

"The AM will mark its 200th anniversary in 2027, and our board contributes the strategic, financial, and philanthropic expertise to match our ambitions. Michael's track record of working alongside Australia's most significant charitable foundations combined with [the perspective he brings from LGT, a firm internationally recognised for its longstanding commitment to sustainable investing](#), makes him a valuable addition to our Trust," Ms McKay said.

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Mr Chisholm began his career with KPMG as a Chartered Accountant before spending 19 years with UBS across Sydney, London, New York, and Stamford CT, holding roles including Chief Risk Officer of UBS Investment Bank and Head of UBS Wealth Management Australia. In 2015, he co-founded Crestone Wealth Management, which was acquired by LGT in 2022 to create LGT Crestone, now rebranded as LGT Wealth Management.

Mr Chisholm said he was honoured to join the AM Trust at such a significant moment in the institution's history.

"The Australian Museum occupies a unique and vital place in Australia's cultural life as a centre of world-class scientific research, First Nations knowledge, education and community connection. I look forward to contributing to its governance and to supporting the [remarkable](#) work that I have always admired," Mr Chisholm said.

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The AM Trust: Brian Hartzler (President), Emeritus Professor Shirley Alexander AM, Melissa Sina Applin, Distinguished Professor Larissa Behrendt AO, Professor Kathy Belov AO, Brett Clegg, Jennifer Dalitz, Dr Cathy Foley AO PSM, Josephine Sukkar AM and the Hon Carmel Tebbutt.

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About the Australian Museum

The nation's first museum, the Australian Museum (AM) was founded in 1827 and will mark its 200-year milestone in 2027. It is internationally recognised as a natural science and culture institution focused on Australia and the Pacific. The AM holds more than 22 million objects and specimens in its collection, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. It pursues a mission to ignite wonder, inspire debate and drive change. The AM's vision is to be a leading voice for the richness of life, the Earth and culture in Australia and the Pacific and commits to transforming the conversation around climate change, the environment and wildlife conservation; being a strong advocate for First Nations cultures; and continuing to develop world-leading science through the [Australian Museum Research Institute \(AMRI\)](#). The AM is not only a dynamic source of reliable scientific information on the environmental and social challenges facing our region, but also an important site of cultural exchange and learning. Visit www.australian.museum.

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