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The Textile, Clothing and Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc. Announces New Chairperson

Irving Lane, General Manager of 'Sportslane' has just been elected to the role of Chair, for the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc. (TCFWA), Irving replaces Jules Lewin, Director of Charter Hill who has subsequently accepted the role of Chair of the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc.

TCFWA is a not-for-profit national support centre for the Textile, Clothing Footwear and Leather industry providing support and specialised resources, services and training. From its headquarters in Belmont, WA, TCFWA aims at networking to maintain and establish key partnerships for the national TCF industry.

Since being established in 1998, the centre has been so successful, that it now receives requests from across Australia and overseas, from organisations and designers wishing to be involved. Providing business skills and industry mentoring, a helpline service and development of specialised industry workshops to better equip those operating in the industry is one of the main areas that TCFWA has been recognised as a leader and role model organisation across Australia and overseas.

Irving Lane worked for 25 years in his family's fashion business 'Lanes' and 'Sportslane' as a manager/buyer and subsequently general manager. The business was at one time the largest women's fashion stores in Australia, and employed more than 100 staff. When the business which was started by Irving's father and uncle closed in 2004, he took over managing a portfolio of commercial and residential properties. Irving has been a member of the TCFWA Committee since 2012, and is passionate about being able to assist many small fashion businesses.

Carol Hanlon, CEO of Belmont BEC said, "I would like to formally congratulate Irving Lane on his appointment to Chair of the TCFWA committee (which also includes TCF Australia and TCF Global). I am so pleased that Irving has been elected Chair. Irving has been a great supporter of fashion for over 25 years and Sportslane when operating used to stock my own fashion label I designed and manufactured in Geelong, Victoria in 1980's. Also on behalf of all the TCFWA Committee, and Staff, I would like to sincerely thank Jules Lewin for his great contribution over the past years as Chair of TCFWA".

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