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Sydney Jewish Museum launches CEO search ahead of 2027 reopening

The Sydney Jewish Museum has launched the search for its next Chief Executive Officer, who will lead the expanded Museum through its next phase of educational impact, community engagement and organisational growth.

The Board of Management has engaged global executive search and leadership advisory firm Spencer Stuart to conduct the search. The Board will oversee the selection process and appoint the next CEO.

The search follows the announcement on 1 October 2026 that Kevin Sumption PSM will conclude his tenure as CEO in mid-June 2027. Kevin will continue to lead the Museum through its reopening—to schools in February 2027 and to the community and general public in June 2027—and support an orderly transition to his successor.

Museum President Greg Shand AM said: “This is an important appointment for the Museum and the communities we serve. Our next CEO will carry forward the legacy of Holocaust survivors and their descendants; strengthen our contribution to Holocaust education and understanding of Jewish culture and contemporary life; and extend our reach at a time when challenging antisemitism and building understanding are particularly urgent.”

“We are seeking a hands-on leader who combines strategic vision with sound judgement and the ability to deliver. They will champion our education and curatorial work; support our staff, survivors and volunteers; build enduring relationships with our community and philanthropic supporters; and ensure the expanded Museum thrives for future generations.”

Mr Shand acknowledged Kevin’s leadership through the redevelopment and his continuing contribution to the Museum’s reopening.

The search will be led by Dean Ireland and Isabella Polgar of Spencer Stuart. Expressions of interest and candidate recommendations are welcome from across museums, education, the cultural sector and other relevant fields. Candidates should bring substantial organisational leadership experience and a strong commitment to the Museum’s mission.

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