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Joint appointment to bolster evidence-based care for the Sunshine Coast

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) and University of Sunshine Coast (USC) welcomes their first joint appointment, Associate Professor Chris Askew, in the position of Conjoint Principal Research Fellow, Cardiovascular Health.

Associate Professor Askew brings with him more than 20 years of experience in cardiovascular research. His position will further strengthen the collaborative partnership between SCHHS and USC and ensure the focus of cardiovascular research is targeted at real-world clinical problems.

Associate Professor Askew said: "There is a strong need in our region and beyond for new approaches to address the burden of cardiovascular disease, and this role will provide the opportunity for us to test new ideas and new ways of managing patients with cardiovascular disease.

"I am eager to join the SCHHS clinical teams in cardiology and vascular surgery, leading new discovery studies and clinical trials in these areas.

"As an exercise physiologist I'm particularly interested in better understanding how exercise can be used as part of the management of various health conditions, and in the development of new exercise-approaches to prevent and treat cardiovascular disease", Associate Professor Askew said.

Dr Brad McCall SCHHS Director of Research said: "We look forward to Associate Professor Askew's contributions to improving cardiovascular health.

"With it being a state and local health priority, understanding how early changes in vascular function impacts the longer-term development of serious cardiovascular disease, is critical in achieving the goal of making Queensland the healthiest state," he said.

SCHHS Chief Executive Adj. Prof Naomi Dwyer said joint appointments such as these create the perfect environment and opportunity to combine academic science with specialist clinical experience.

"We can build capacity for research and the expansion of evidence-based care to provide improved health services and health outcomes to the Sunshine Coast community".



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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

Associate Professor Chris Askew, USC Professor John Lowe and SCHHS Chief Executive Adjunct Professor Naomi Dwyer available for interviews and photographs.

When: Thursday 29 August, 9am sharp

Where: Meet outside SCHI reception

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Above: Associate Professor Chris Askew.

