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**The Wheeler Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas is delighted to announce the appointment of Michael Williams as its new Director, effective 19 September 2011.**

**Michael** replaces **Chrissy Sharp**, the Centre's inaugural Director since 2009, who is leaving the role to join her husband in Hong Kong where he has taken up a new appointment.

**Michael** is the current Head of Programming at the **Wheeler Centre** and has been with the Centre since its inception. In that time, **Michael** has established himself as an innovative programmer, whose outstanding work has been instrumental in making the Centre a venue for programming excellence and creativity.

**Michael** was chosen after a thorough recruitment campaign which attracted a strong field of candidates. **Chrissy** will leave the Centre in mid-September after a handover period.

Chairman of the **Wheeler Centre** board, **Eric Beecher** said, "Since February 2010, **Chrissy** has played an extraordinary role in the formation of the **Wheeler Centre** as a unique cultural institution and did so with energy, diplomacy and focus. The Wheeler Centre is extremely grateful to have been under her direction."

We welcome **Michael** in this new role which marks an exciting new chapter for the **Wheeler Centre**.

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