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**ASX Release**

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**APPOINTMENT OF COMPANY SECRETARY AND CFO**

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA 22 January 2026:** Arovella Therapeutics Ltd (ASX: ALA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Lachie Mallia as Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Arovella effective 22 January 2026. Lachie replaces fellow Bio101 Financial Advisory (Bio101) Director Mr Tim Luscombe, who has held those positions since 1 December 2023.

Lachie is a Director at Bio101, a financial services firm providing outsourced CFO, taxation, company secretarial and transaction advisory services to the Healthcare sector. Lachie brings extensive finance and commercial expertise, having worked with both public and private companies across Australia for several years. He currently serves as a CFO and Company Secretary for a number of private Healthcare companies. Lachie holds a Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Banking and Finance from Monash University and a Certificate in Governance Practice from the Governance Institute of Australia and is a qualified Chartered Accountant.

Mr Mallia is responsible for communications with ASX in relation to Listing Rule matters under ASX Listing Rule 12.6.

*Release authorised by the Arovella Therapeutics Limited Board of Directors.*

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**About Arovella Therapeutics Ltd**

Arovella Therapeutics Ltd (ASX: ALA) is a biotechnology company focused on developing its invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell therapy platform from Imperial College London to treat blood cancers and solid tumours. Arovella's lead product is ALA-101. ALA-101 consists of CAR19-iNKT cells that have been modified to produce a Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) that targets CD19. CD19 is an antigen found on the surface of numerous cancer types. iNKT cells also contain an invariant T cell receptor (iTCR) that targets glycolipid bound CD1d, another antigen found on the surface of several cancer types. ALA-101 is being developed as an allogeneic cell therapy, which means it can be given from a healthy donor to a patient. Arovella is also expanding into solid tumour treatment through its CLDN18.2-targeting technology licensed from Sparx Group. Arovella will also incorporate its IL-12-TM technology into its solid tumour programs.

**Glossary:** **iNKT cell** – invariant Natural Killer T cells; **CAR** – Chimeric Antigen Receptor that can be introduced into immune cells to target cancer cells; **TCR** – T cell receptors are a group of proteins found on immune cells that recognise fragments of antigens as peptides bound to MHC complexes; **B-cell lymphoma** – A type of cancer that forms in B cells (a type of immune system cell); **CD1d** – Cluster of differentiation 1, which is expressed on some immune cells and cancer cells; **aGalCer** – alpha-galactosylceramide is a specific ligand for human and mouse natural killer T cells. It is a synthetic glycolipid.

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