

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO MURRAY REGIONAL TOURISM BOARD

The Murray Regional Tourism Board has announced the reappointment of Wendy Greiner as Chair and the appointment of three new directors at its annual general meeting, held at the Rich River Golf Club in Moama on Thursday 24 October 2019.

Ms Greiner's reappointment for the next three years provides continued stability, strong leadership and ensures the sustained commitment to cross border collaboration with state and local governments, other tourism organisations and the region's tourism businesses.

Natasha Callewaert, John Dalton and Cameron Sutton join the board as skills-based directors for a three-year term.

Ms Callewaert's career spans over 20 years in the accommodation industry. She currently owns and manages Quest Wodonga, will soon open Quest Orange and is the founder of Boardroom HQ. Ms Callewaert has been an associate director on the Murray Regional Tourism Board for the past 18 months, during which time she demonstrated excellent leadership and strategic planning skills.

Mr Dalton has a long and distinguished career as a senior executive in the Victorian Government, working across several industry sectors including the visitor economy and regional economic development. He was a director and the Deputy Chair of the Tourism Victoria Board and played a key role in the formation of several Regional Tourism Boards.

Mr Sutton brings extensive local and international hospitality management experience, having worked in senior leadership roles in Canada and the United Kingdom before returning to Australia in 2014. He is currently the General Manager of the Mildura Inlander Resort and a committee member of several Mildura sporting clubs.

Inaugural directors, John Quirk and Steve Timmis, have retired after serving nine years on the board.

Quotes attributable to Murray Regional Tourism Chair Wendy Greiner

"It is a real honour and a privilege to continue to lead the organisation and there are always a range of challenges to address in partnership with our shareholders. I remain totally committed and passionate about the importance of our highly successful cross border partnership to grow the visitor economy, jobs and infrastructure."

"Natasha Callewaert, John Dalton and Cameron Sutton bring a wealth of experience in tourism and hospitality and will make an invaluable contribution to growing the visitor economy in the Murray region." "John Quirk and Steve Timmis have worked tirelessly and passionately to ensure the Murray region is highly successful across the visitor economy."

"I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of all the board and the team that, together with our stakeholders, have relentlessly worked for our fabulous region and this has resulted in record breaking visitation and expenditure."

About Murray Regional Tourism

Murray Regional Tourism works in partnership with Visit Victoria, Destination New South Wales, Destination Riverina Murray, 13 Local Government Areas and Regional Tourism Organisations to grow the visitor economy across the Murray region. The Murray region spans 1,700 kilometres of the Murray River from Albury-Wodonga to Mildura-Wentworth.

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