News Release





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Riverbank Authority members announced

Four new members have been appointed to the State Government's Riverbank Authority, finalising the make up of this important group who will now begin their work.

Planning Minister John Rau said the Authority was established to oversee the long-term vision and planning for the Riverbank Precinct and would be chaired by former Tourism Australia CEO, Andrew McEvoy.

Today the Government has appointed four new members to the authority's board of management:

- Malcolm Snow an award-winning urban planner and landscape architect
- John Hanlon the Chief Executive of Renewal SA
- **Professor Tanya Monro** an award-winning Australian physicist known for her work in photonics
- Karyn Kent Chief Executive of Education Adelaide with more than 18 years' experience in the tourism industry.

Mr Rau said the appointments complete the board of the Riverbank Authority.

"Today's appointments mean we now have a really high calibre board in place with great skills and experience in a diverse range of areas including urban planning, tourism and research," he said.

"The State Government has invested significantly in the Riverbank Precinct including the expansion of Adelaide Convention Centre, the Riverbank Footbridge and Adelaide Oval.

"The Riverbank Authority will have a crucial role to play in coordinating future development and events, as well as promoting the area.

"The area already attracts an estimated nine million visitors each year but we want to make the riverbank an even bigger drawcard.

"The authority will also be working to attract further investment into the precinct to ensure the Riverbank is one of Australia's best tourist destinations."

In addition, the Vibrant City team – which has been temporarily overseeing activities for the riverbank precinct until the authority is fully operational – is currently being brought into Renewal SA from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

Since his appointment as Presiding Member, Mr McEvoy has met with various interested parties to understand their priorities so that the board will hit the ground running.

"The Riverbank Authority has been established to help capitalise on this once in a generation development opportunity," McEvoy said.

"The precinct really is a "world's best" meeting place – where locals and visitors alike will gather to enjoy some of the best of Adelaide and South Australia.

"The role of the Authority will be to provide advice to Government on overcoming road blocks to the development as well as working with stakeholders to consistently activate and promote the precinct," he said.

The first meeting of the Riverbank Authority is expected to take place within a few weeks.