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# New Board Members for RDA Eyre Peninsula

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Following a public call for Board Members, Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP) Chair Bryan Trigg is excited to announce the appointment of three new Members.

Emily Rowe, Malcolm McLeod and Tony Mayell will commence from 1 January 2025, joining existing members Bryan Trigg AFSM, Heather Baldock, Mayor Travis Barber, Sue Chase AM, Matthew Waller and Pam Schlink.

RDAEP is an incorporated, not-for-profit organisation, and part of a national network of committees made up of local skills-based leaders that have an active and facilitative role in working with all levels of government, industry, business and community groups to support economic development in the region.

*"I was really pleased with both the quality and quantity of applicants, with good representation from across the Eyre Peninsula, and within all aspects of the regional economy." - said RDAEP Chair Bryan Trigg.*

*"I am thrilled with the calibre of knowledge, experience and expertise that Emily, Malcolm and Tony will bring, adding to that of our existing Members. We have a diverse and robust set of skills on the RDAEP Board, which I believe has the capability to harness the region's competitive advantage to seize economic opportunities and attract investment." - said RDAEP Chair Bryan Trigg.*

Emily lives in Port Lincoln and oversees her family's businesses so she will bring a wealth of business knowledge including the fishing and aquaculture industries having served as Vice President of the SA Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishermen's Association. Her governance training from the Australian Institute of Company Directors supports her understanding of best practices and she has substantial experience engaging with stakeholders, local communities, government and conservation groups.

Malcolm is from Whyalla and has extensive business experience as the Dealer Principal/Director of Whyalla Automotive for 28 years and holds multiple board roles, including President of Whyalla Business and Tourism and West Whyalla Football Club. His ability to lead teams and maintain staff loyalty over many years reflects strong governance and leadership skills. Malcolm's interactions with a wide range of stakeholders, including manufacturers, financiers, and government bodies indicates effective stakeholder engagement.

Tony has held senior roles, including CEO and Managing Director positions in both the private and public sectors, with oversight of complex governance requirements. His experience spans legislative adherence, fiduciary responsibilities, and international compliance, which highlights his expertise in leadership and governance. His strategic efforts in roles like CEO of Tourism Tasmania highlight his adeptness at handling complex stakeholder dynamics.

The appointment of these new Members comes at a pivotal time for RDAEP with the Australian Government recently announcing the continuation of the RDA Framework until 30 June 2030.

*“I am really excited for the future, as I believe these appointments strike the right balance moving forward. It allows for an injection of further expertise, fresh perspectives and new ideas, while providing a degree of consistency and continuity.”* – said RDAEP CEO Ryan Viney.

The strategic input provided by the RDAEP Board over many years has been instrumental in helping with the establishment of new and transformational industries across the Eyre Peninsula; the ongoing advancement of existing industries through provision of enabling infrastructure and delivery of critical services, with RDAEP more recently commissioning reports into housing and childcare shortages, receiving State and National commendations respectively.

Mr Trigg also acknowledged all Members as great assets to the region, and the work of staff in continuing to develop and deliver projects that seek to grow and diversify the regional economy.

Mr Trigg also acknowledged the valuable contribution to the Board made by former Members Malcolm Catt who has served for 20 years, Allan Suter OAM who has served for 17 years, Neville Starke and Joshua Telfer.

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