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RDA Townsville and North West Queensland announces new Committee

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Townsville and North West Queensland has successfully completed its recruitment process and appointed committee members for the next term.

Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories the Hon Nola Marino MP said “I welcome the appointment of Cr Mary Brown as Deputy Chair of RDA Townsville and North West Queensland along with the new and returning committee members. The Australian Government greatly appreciates the voluntary contribution made by these community leaders to the development of the Townsville and North West Queensland region.”

“RDAs play a vital role in driving investment and local procurement opportunities and through this, creating jobs and economic growth for our regions. I encourage the community to get in contact with their local RDA and discuss how it can help businesses to grow”, Minister Marino noted.

The new committee consists of:

Frank Beveridge, Chairman (appointed by the Minister in January 2021) (Mayor, Charters Towers Regional Council)

Cr Mary Brown, Deputy Chair (Councillor, Hinchinbrook Shire Council)

Mr Chris Boshoff (Operations Manager, Heavymech Pty Ltd – Mount Isa)

Mr Chris Briggs (General Manager, Sealink Queensland, Townsville)

Cr Greg Campbell (Mayor, Cloncurry Shire Council)

Cr Ashley Gallagher (Councillor, Carpentaria Shire Council)

Mr Noel Gertz (Managing Director, On Common Country Pty, Townsville)

Ms Maria James (Manager, Trade Development, Port of Townsville)

Cr June Kuhl (Councillor, Richmond Shire Council)

Cr Frank Beveridge, Chairman said: “I thank everyone who expressed an interest in our committee. I look forward to working with our returning and newly appointed committee members as we work towards our Charter to grow a strong, confident and vibrant region”.

Cr Beveridge continued: “We thank our departing Committee members Cr Jack Bawden, Mr David Donohue and Prof Sabina Knight who have over several years given their time, local knowledge insights and commitment to their roles and the region. I very much appreciate the valuable contributions they have made.”



Regional Development Australia (RDA) is a national network of Committees made up of local leaders who work with all levels of government, business and community groups to support the economic development of their regions. RDA Committees have an active and facilitative role in their communities with a clear focus on growing strong and confident regional economies that harness their competitive advantages, seize on economic opportunity and attract investment.

Planning for induction, the first meeting of the new Committee and a strategic planning day are under way. In the meantime, the team led by CEO Ms Glenys Schuntner continues with a focus on economic development initiatives such as inward investment attraction to infrastructure and private enterprise, monitoring and reporting on the civil and commercial construction pipeline of projects, addressing skills shortages, and the future job skills required like Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

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