

MEDIA RELEASE

NEW BOARD MEETS FOR FIRST TIME

Following the recent appointment of Mark Sutton as Chair of Regional Development Australia (RDA) Far North, a new Board with four new Members and four returning Members will meet for the first time today.

The new Board will continue to focus and enhance performance measures around brand recognition of RDA Far North and the Australia wide RDA network along with providing a clear value proposition to our program partners to support sustainable economic development.

“The new Board is a great mix of new and returning members who will provide strong regional leadership through well-established connections with all levels of government, industry and the community. This will in-turn support sound policy development and investment in the far north region,” Mr Sutton, Chair, RDA Far North said.

“The far north region is a significant cog in the engine that drives the South Australian economy. Whether it is through resource extraction, pastoralism or the emerging tourism and services sectors, the economy is growing. The new RDA Far North Board will bring new and innovative ideas to the table to support this growth,” Mr Sutton added.

“It is exciting times for the far north!”

The new board has a strong mix of industry, resources, transport, small business, tourism and local government understanding and includes returning members Colin Davies appointed as Deputy Chair and Greg Flint from the Flinders Ranges along with Anthony (Tony) Mitchell from Port Augusta and Catherine Way from Adelaide. New Members include Brett Benbow, Graham Elliot and Craig Cresp from Port Augusta and Phil Turner from Marree in the far north.

Members who did not seek reappointment included Debbie Alexander and John Gavin.

“Whilst appointing a new board is exciting I thank the outgoing board members, Debbie Alexander and John Gavin who have devoted their time and expertise to RDA Far North and have made a significant contribution into the way the organisation operates. “

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