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NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR RANSW

At the Regional Arts NSW (RANSW) board meeting on Thursday 20th April, two new members were appointed to the board; Sharni Jones, Manager, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Collection, Australian Museum and Gavin Findlay, General Manager of the Canberra International Music Festival. Sharni and Gavin bring to the RANSW board art-form expertise and knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, as well as experience in public policy, stakeholder engagement and strategic development.

Regional Arts NSW Board also welcomes the newly appointed Chair, Stephen Champion. Stephen Champion has been the Manager of the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre since 2003 and has worked professionally in the performing arts for thirty four years. He has been a director of RANSW for the past four years and most recently served as Deputy Chair. The new Deputy Chair is Ben Roche, Director Engagement at Southern Cross University. David Dwyer will continue in his role as Treasurer.

Stephen Champion thanked outgoing directors Peter White (outgoing Chair), Stephen Bradley and Naomi Messenger for their contributions to the RANSW board.

The CEO, Elizabeth Rogers said she looked forward to working with the new board to further the aims of promoting the value of the arts and artists in regional NSW and supporting the work of the regional arts development network.

She added her thanks to outgoing directors and in particular the contribution of outgoing Chair, Peter White for his support and expertise in the delivery of the Aboriginal component of ARTLANDS Dubbo 2016.

Peter White and Stephen Bradley were presented with commissioned carvings from Aboriginal artist Tom Barker and Naomi Messenger was presented with a weaving by Amy Hammond, in recognition of their significant contributions to Regional Arts NSW.

RANSW 2017 Board

Stephen Champion	Chair
Ben Roche	Deputy Chair
David Dwyer	Treasurer
Julie Briggs	
Gavin Findlay	
Sharni Jones	
Sandra McMahon	
Paul Scott-Williams	

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