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### **RANSW WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Following the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 18 April, two new directors were appointed to the Board of Regional Arts NSW.

Bridget Guthrie was nominated by Arts North West to bring her expertise in visual arts, galleries and museum practice to the Board. Bridget is currently the Director of Tamworth Regional Gallery & Museums and has worked in gallery, museums and the cultural development sector for nearly 20 years throughout the north west of NSW and southern NSW. Her professional experience has included curating over 30 visual arts and museum exhibitions, extensive collection management, and strategic planning for both galleries and museums. Bridget has a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and a Graduate diploma in Museum Studies through Deakin University.

Sarah Parsons was co-opted to the Board to bring her experience in working with young people in the arts. Sarah is the current Creative Producer/CEO of Outback Theatre for Young People in Deniliquin — a role that sees her design and deliver projects with regional and remote communities across a 30,000 square km area of South West NSW. Most of her arts practice to date has been dedicated to arts in counter-urban areas. She is fiercely passionate about theatre for young people, community driven work, advocating for regional based practice and sustainable arts engagement in remote and regional Australia. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Theatre Media), an Honours degree (specialising in Theatre for Young People), and a Bachelor of Teaching (Drama) from Charles Sturt University in Bathurst.

The Chair, Stephen Champion welcomed the new directors to the board and thanked retiring board members, Gavin Findlay and Sandra McMahon for their contributions.

He said “One of the strengths of the RANSW board is its cycle of ongoing renewal of Board positions that enables us to attract such highly skilled directors”

“I would also like to thank Ben Roche for his contribution as Deputy Chair as he steps down from that role for the final year of his term. His support and contribution has been exceptional. I welcome Julie Briggs as the new Deputy Chair and look forward to another ground-breaking year for RANSW”, he added.

#### **RANSW 2018 Board**

Stephen Champion	Chair
Julie Briggs	Deputy Chair
David Dwyer	Treasurer
Bridget Guthrie	Director
Sharni Jones	Director
Sarah Parsons	Director
Nicholas Pickard	Director
Ben Roche	Director
Paul Scott-Williams	Director

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