



## Media release

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## **Appointment of new PMSA Chairman**

22 June 2016

After 26 years of service to the PMSA, 9 of those as Chairman, Mr Des Robinson has stepped down from the PMSA Council. In addition to his role as Chairman, Mr Robinson has also served as;

- Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee
- Chairman of Brisbane Boys' College
- Chairman of Appointment and Remuneration Committee

In announcing his retirement at the recent PMSA Annual General Meeting, Mr Robinson said "I have enjoyed serving on the PMSA Council. I admit there were times that were trying but they are just part of the role one accepts. Those times do not affect the pleasure I have had and the sense of achievement I have felt being a part of this wonderful organisation."

In reflecting on the major milestones achieved throughout that time Mr Robinson cited;

- The introduction of a more rigorous business planning process within the PMSA schools;
- Reforming the governance of the PMSA Council;
- The re-establishment of the Christian purpose on which the PMSA is founded and the reconnection with the two Churches;
- A greater focus on our staff the organisation's most valuable resource; and
- Creating a safer place for our staff and students.

Following the retirement of Mr Robinson, the PMSA Council has elected Mr Rob McCall as the new PMSA Chairman for a term of 3 years.

Mr McCall is the immediate past Chairman of Somerville House and is a current Senior Public Servant with 17 years' experience in the Independent Schools Sector.

In accepting his appointment, Mr McCall paid tribute to Mr Robinson, citing his tenure as Chairman has left a significant positive impact, on not only the PMSA, but also the Independent School Sector in Queensland.

Mr McCall said that 'Des has worked tirelessly to reform and modernise the PMSA. His knowledge and dedication to the PMSA will be sorely missed but his legacy of change and innovation will be evident within the PMSA for years to come."



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Other significant appointments within the PMSA include;

- Mr Greg Adsett, Deputy Chairman of the PMSA and Chairman of Sunshine Coast Grammar School
- Mr Gary Lynch, Chairman of Somerville House (replacing Mr McCall)
- Dr Anne Bennett, Chairman of Clayfield College (replacing Mr Kevin Standish)
- Mrs Jacqueline McPherson, Chairman Brisbane Boys' College
- Mr Greg Skelton, Chairman of Audit & Finance Committee
- Mr Richard Wilkinson, Chairman of Education and Pastoral Care Committee

The Annual General Meeting also noted the departure of Reverend Guido Kettniss who stepped down from the Council after 32 years of services.

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