



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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Annesley appoints new Authority Board

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, today announced the appointment of Newcastle business leaders Mr Glenn Turner (Chair), Mr Keith Lynch and Ms Catherine Tate to the Management Board of the Hunter Region Sporting Venues Authority.

The appointments are for an interim period of up to 12 months, whilst a longer term review of the Authority is undertaken.

“On 6 June I delegated the day to day running of the Authority’s operations to the Office of Communities after being made aware the western grandstand redevelopment would significantly exceed budget and outstanding invoices could not be met,” Mr Annesley said.

Since the removal of the Authority’s Board members last month Bob McGregor AM has been Acting General Manager of the Hunter Region Sporting Venues Authority with a senior executive from the Office of Communities assisting in managing the day-to-day operations.

Member for Newcastle, Tim Owen AM, said he was very happy with the appointment of local Hunter business people with financial and managerial experience.

“Both the Minister and his Department are appreciative of the need for experienced local representation which can continue to work towards consolidating the position of the Authority, and strengthen its service delivery to the people of the Hunter,” Mr Owens said.

Details of the three interim members appointed to manage the Authority are –

- Glenn Turner (Chair), currently Chairman of the Hunter Medical Research Institute Foundation, Director of the Hunter Medical Research Institute and Deputy Chair of Newcastle Innovation Ltd;
- Keith Lynch, currently a director and Chairman of NIB Health Funds Ltd; and
- Catherine Tate, former board member for Calvary Mater Hospital, Member of the Executive Council Callaghan College and Chairperson of Red Shield Appeal for the Newcastle and the Hunter Salvation Army.

“These local appointees have a wealth of business and community experience and are to be congratulated for accepting the position and the responsibility that goes with the appointment.

“I have great confidence they will professionally manage these significant Government assets and also act in the best interests of the people of the Hunter region,” Mr Annesley said.

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