



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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### **MacGill and Hartigan begin new innings with Trust**

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, today confirmed the appointment of Australian Test cricketer Stuart MacGill and News Limited Chairman and Chief Executive John Hartigan to the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust.

Mr Annesley said the new Trustees will serve a four-year term from 14 July 2011.

“Stuart MacGill is a former NSW and Australian Test cricketer who also has extensive experience in the media.” Mr Annesley said.

“Stuart was an excellent right-arm leg spin bowler who took over 200 test wickets and is well regarded as an ambassador for the game on the world stage.

“Stuart's first-hand experience as an elite cricketer will assist in the future growth and development of this historic precinct.

“John Hartigan is Chairman and Chief Executive of News Limited.

“As well as leading Australia's biggest media company, John is Chairman of Australian News Channel, a Director of FOXTEL, the American Australian Association, and has strong links to the cricketing world through his role with the Bradman Foundation.

“The substantial skills and experience offered by both Stuart and John will supplement the significant talents of the existing trustees,” Mr Annesley said.

“I am also pleased to announce the re-appointment of two current members of the Trust.

“John Cloney AM, the former Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of QBE Insurance Group Limited, has been re-appointed Deputy Chair for another two years.

“Rod McGeoch AM - who led Sydney's successful 2000 Olympics bid - will serve another four year term,” Mr Annesley confirmed.

Rodney Cavalier AO (Chair) welcomed the Minister's announcement and said the new appointments add a wealth of talent and experience to the Trust.

Mr Cavalier said, “The Trust is a body that has benefited from continuity and renewal. Mr Annesley has handled the appointments with care.



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“John Hartigan has been passionate about sport and the SCG for all the years I have known him. I know how much he wanted to be a Trustee. Stuart bears the initials SCG, he has worn the baggy green and has been a strong advocate for the SCG. John and Stuart will be dedicated Trustees.

“Farewelling Trustees is always poignant. We have all become friends in our years together.

“I thank Catherine Harris and Michael Eyers for their substantial contributions and services to the Trust.

“Michael Cleary represented Australia in three sports and served NSW as a former Minister for Sport. His sense of humour has been invaluable in meetings,” Mr Cavalier added.

The 14 members of the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust are responsible for the care, control and management of lands including the Sydney Cricket Ground and the Sydney Football Stadium.

Current members of the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust are:

Rodney Cavalier AO (Chair), John Cloney AM (Deputy), Ken Catchpole OAM, John Hartigan, The Hon. Morris Iemma, Alan Jones AO, Stuart MacGill, John McCarthy QC, Rod McGeoch AM, James McNally, Kaye Schofield, Anthony Shepherd, Paul Warren and Stephen Waugh AO.

“I also sincerely thank outgoing Trust members, Catherine Harris AO, Michael Eyers AM and The Hon Michael Cleary AO for their contribution and service to the Trust,” Mr Annesley said.

“I congratulate all of today’s appointments to the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, and look forward to working with them,” Mr Annesley said.