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**New Chair and Members appointed to the Board of Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory**

Mr Ian Kew OAM has been appointed as the new Chair of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), alongside new members Dr Anne Walters and Professor Alan Andersen.

Together, the new appointees bring a wealth of experience across business, leadership and science, strengthening MAGNT's role as the Territory's premier cultural and scientific institution.

The Board of MAGNT is a statutory body established under the *Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory Act 2014*, responsible for the effective management of MAGNT and its seven sites in Darwin and Central Australia.

“I am looking forward to bringing my seasoned business skills to help the Board consider different perspectives and points of view,” MAGNT Board Chair Mr Ian Kew OAM said.

“MAGNT makes a vital contribution to enhancing the Territory’s lifestyle by bringing arts and culture into everyday life, creating vibrant gathering places enjoyed by visitors and locals alike, places that all Territorians can be proud of.”

Along with his strong business credentials, Mr Kew also brings experience and commitment to the arts sector, having previously served as Chair on boards including the Darwin Symphony Orchestra and the Darwin Festival.

“I have great respect for the arts and its essential role in building community and delivering commercial outcomes,” he said.

MAGNT Director Adam Worrall said he was delighted to welcome Mr Kew, Dr Anne Walters and Professor Alan Andersen to the MAGNT Board.

“Together, Ian, Anne and Alan bring a broad range of skills across business, leadership and science that will be an asset to MAGNT,” Mr Worrall said.

“We are looking forward to working with them to develop the Territory’s art and cultural capacity.”

Minister for Arts Jinson Charls congratulated the new Board Chair and members after appointing the roles for three-year terms, acknowledging that these appointments bring together a breadth of knowledge, leadership and experience to the Board.

“The strong interest in the Board positions reflect MAGNT’s national reputation and passion so many people have for the Territory’s art, history, culture and scientific collections,” Minister Charls said.

“I thank outgoing Board members for their valued contributions, and I look forward to seeing MAGNT continue to thrive under the guidance of its new leadership team.”

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**Caption:** From left: Professor Alan Andersen, Angela Tomazos, Minister for Arts Jinson Charls, Ian Kew OAM, Ray Hall, Dr Anne Walters, Professor Barry Judd, Philip Watkins and Dr Wendy Ludwig. Board members not present in image include Professor Brenda L Croft and Francesca Cubillo.

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