

NEW CHAIR FOR RDA RIVERINA

The Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government Dr John McVeigh has today announced the appointment of Miriam Dayhew to Chair of RDA Riverina.

Minister McVeigh said Ms Dayhew will serve in the role until the 31 December 2020 and cited her vast experience as an administrator and practitioner in the general services sectors as a deciding factor in her appointment.

Dr McVeigh welcomes the appointment of Ms Miriam Dayhew as Chair of RDA Riverina. “Ms Dayhew brings with her extensive management and governance skills, coupled with her past experience on RDA Riverina makes her the perfect candidate to lead RDA Riverina.”

“RDAs are key contributors to regional economic development. RDA committees are highly valued facilitators of initiatives that grow local economies, promote opportunities and attract investment; this in turn provides confidence to regional areas.”

CEO and Director of Regional Development, Rachel Whiting, welcomed the announcement. “I think it is important for the Riverina to have some continuity in this appointment and it is fantastic for Miriam to be acknowledged for her past and current service and commitment to RDA Riverina.”

Miriam is University Ombudsman and Head of Campus at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. She is a qualified mediator, and holds a Graduate Diploma in Social Administration, a Master of Business Administration, a Graduate Certificate in University Leadership and Management and a Master of Education.

A registered general nurse and midwife, Miriam has more than 30 years’ experience across the public and private health care sectors as a clinician and administrator to the level of CEO. Her experience also spans emergency incident and risk management, complaint management, systems development and project management.

As well as her role with RDA Riverina, Miriam is on the Board of Management for The Riverina Anglican College and a Director of Community Connections Solutions Australia.

“It is an honour to serve the Riverina and I am looking forward to working with our well-established Committee, our very capable staff and the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development in progressing projects and connections that will support the growth and development of all of our great region,” Miriam said following the announcement.

The long-awaited new appointment follows the retirement of previous Chair Diana Gibbs in late 2017. Having served the maximum term in that position, Diana has thrown her support behind Miriam.

“The Riverina is very fortunate to have Miriam on board. The experience and continuity Miriam brings to the role of Chair puts RDA Riverina in a strong position to adopt a new business model”.

Miriam will take up her appointment immediately.



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