

## NEW CHAIR FOR RDA RIVERINA

The Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and Member for Riverina, The Hon Michael McCormack MP has today announced the appointment of Richard Allsopp to Chair of RDA Riverina.

Minister McCormack said Mr Allsopp will serve in the role until the 31 December 2020 and welcomed Mr Allsopp's extensive business contribution to the Riverina as the deciding factor in his appointment.

"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", Mr McCormack said.

CEO and Director of Regional Development, Rachel Whiting, welcomed the announcement. "Mr Allsopp's practical business success and commitment to community brings so much to our region and to the future work of RDA Riverina."

Richard is the founder of Rundles Auctions and pioneered industrial auctions in country NSW. He opened his first business in Wagga Wagga in 1997, and then expanded into Dubbo and Tamworth. It has now become the largest regional industrial auctioneers in NSW, selling cars, trucks, earthmoving equipment and machinery for state and local government, banks, finance companies and corporate clients. As an auctioneer for 35 years and a resident of the Riverina for 21 years operating his business out of Wagga, Richard was motivated by keeping country profits in the country.

Richard speaks of his retirement from Rundles Auctions as a happy transition. "It is a great transition for me out of the auctioneering world and the Rundles Auctions business in now being able to give back to the community that has given so much to me," Richard said following the announcement.

As well as his role with RDA Riverina, Richard is on the Board of The Mulloon Institute and Patron of Country Hope.

The new appointment follows the retirement of previous Chair Miriam Dayhew. Acting Chair Kerry Penton has been holding the fort until this announcement.

Richard Allsopp will take up the appointment immediately, attending the RDA Orana run Inland Growth Summit in Dubbo on Thursday on behalf of RDA Riverina with two other RDA Riverina committee members.

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