



**The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP**  
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**MEMBERS APPOINTED TO NEW COFFS SHOWGROUND TRUST**

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Andrew Stoner and Member for Coffs Harbour Andrew Fraser have announced the membership of the reinstated Coffs Harbour Showground and Public Recreation Reserve Trust.

Mr Stoner said the four-person trust board had been appointed for a five year term.

“Members include retired professional engineer Peter Dickson-Smith; Geoffrey Booth, a retired property consultant; bank officer Lianne De Paoli; and Gregory Hardy, a chartered accountant,” Mr Stoner said.

“The NSW Government is committed to returning decision making to our communities and I am confident the new trust board will manage the showground well.

“The trust is no longer responsible for the Harbour City Holiday Park, which is now under the wing of the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust.

“I thank the local Member, Andrew Fraser, for his work on behalf of the community to get this trust board back.”

Mr Fraser said the trust board was appointed after a public call for applicants last September and as there were still three positions to be filled, one of the first acts of the new board would be to call for three more members.

“I congratulate the successful applicants and I know the community will welcome the return of the showground to local management after seven years of administration,” Mr Fraser said.

“The trust members bring a broad range of skills and experience, with backgrounds in business, financial management and asset management.

“They will be responsible for ensuring the showground continues to serve the community by setting sound financial and management strategies.

“They will oversee the management of several pieces of infrastructure, including the showground and associated facilities, conference facilities, exhibition rooms, sporting facilities and horse stables.”

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