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NEW TRUSTEES FOR AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM

The NSW Government today welcomed the appointment of four trustees to the Australian Museum Trust, Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Arts, George Souris, said today.

He said David Armstrong, Steven Gregg and Robynne Quiggin would be new trustees, while Kim McKay AO would be reappointed. The three-year terms of the trustees will start on 1 January 2014.

“It is my great pleasure to confirm these appointments to the Trust which oversees and guides the management of the Australian Museum,” Mr Souris said.

“The Australian Museum is Australia’s oldest, with more than 18 million objects in its collection, including a significant Indigenous collection and one of the world’s most outstanding Pacific collections. It is also an internationally renowned scientific research institution.

“The newly appointed trustees will bring substantial experience and expertise in business, management and the law to their roles monitoring the performance of the Museum, assisting with the strategic planning process, and acting as advocates for the institution.”

Mr Souris also paid tribute to the outgoing trustees, Dr James Bradfield Moody, Helen Wellings and Stephen Crittenden, whose terms expire on 31 December 2013.

“I want to thank them for their commitment and acknowledge their hard work and contributions on behalf of the NSW Government and the community.

“Dr James Bradfield Moody has been a great advocate for the Australian Museum and has promoted scientific research in the broader community. He has served as a member of the Trust’s Internal Audit and Risk Committee, the Research and Collections Advisory Committee, and later, the Science Strategy Panel.

“Helen Wellings provided the Trust with substantial insight into media and consumer advocacy, and served on the board of the Lizard Island Reef Research Foundation.

“Stephen Crittenden, with his diverse experience in media and communications, was a valued member of the Trust. He played an important role on the New Museum Project Committee and his interest and knowledge of Indigenous and Pacific cultures also made him a strong advocate for the Museum's internationally-renowned collections.”

President of the Australian Museum Trust, Catherine Livingstone, welcomed the appointments, saying David Armstrong and Steven Gregg both bring expertise and leadership from commercial, financial and charitable organisations.

“This expertise will be invaluable as we develop the Museum into the future. Robynne Quiggin, also appointed to the AM Trust, is a highly regarded individual with a great deal to offer in the context of the Museum’s role in conserving and making accessible the Museum's renowned indigenous collections and education programs. These three appointments will ensure that the Museum continues to deliver on its potential in the diverse areas of science, nature and culture.”
The newly appointed trustees of the Australian Museum are:

- **David Armstrong** has more than 30 years experience in the finance sector and extensive knowledge of commercial and charitable organisations. He is a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, providing expert advice on banking, capital markets, real estate and infrastructure. He is responsible for audit and other services for major clients including Macquarie Group. David Armstrong is a current non-executive director of the Opera Australia Capital Fund Limited.

- **Steven Gregg** has extensive experience in management consulting and investment banking. He currently serves on a number of boards including as non-executive Chairman of Goodman Fielder Limited and Lorna Hodgkinson – Sunshine Homes, and as a non-executive director of Tabcorp Holdings Limited, Challenger Financial Corporation Limited and William Inglis & Sons Limited. Steven Gregg has previously held a number senior roles in the finance sector, including as a expert partner at McKinsey & Company (London and Sydney), and Senior Executive Vice President at ABN Amro Bank NV (London and New York).

- **Robynne Quiggin** is descended from the Wiradjuri people of central western NSW. She has worked as a solicitor, senior policy officer and lecturer on a range of Indigenous law issues and has participated in several United Nations forums on Indigenous human rights and biodiversity. Robynne Quiggin is a member of the editorial boards for the *Indigenous Law Bulletin* and *Journal of Indigenous Social Policy* and has been a director of the Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation incorporating Koori Radio. Most recently, she was Senior Manager of the Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC), Indigenous Outreach Program and in November 2013 started as the CEO of the Australian Indigenous Governance Institute.

The reappointed trustee is:

- **Kim McKay AO** is an Australian environmentalist, author, entrepreneur and international marketing and communications consultant. As the Managing Director of Momentum2 Pty Limited, she has been a consultant to the National Geographic Society since 2004. Kim McKay was co-founder of Clean Up Australia and Clean up the World and is currently a board member of the Sydney Institute of Marine Science Foundation, and a steering committee member for the National Business Leaders Forum on Sustainable Development. She is also an advisory board member and ambassador for the One Million Women campaign. She was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2008 for services to the environment and the community.

They join fellow trustees Catherine Livingstone AO (President), Paul Connor, Professor Merlin Crossley, Belinda Gibson, Karina Kelly and David Sherley.

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