

MEDIA RELEASE

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NEW ERA FOR HAMILTON GALLERY TRUST

On Wednesday 13 December, the Hamilton Gallery Trust held its 61st Annual General meeting, welcoming Mr Allan Myers AC KC as the twelfth Trustee of Hamilton Gallery.

Dr Sue Robertson, who has been a Trustee for 22 years has decided to depart from the Trust. Her years of dedicated service have spanned three Directors of Hamilton Gallery, seeing Dr Robertson work with four trustees and acquire a large number of significant works by such artists as Eugene von Guerard, William Robinson, Thomas Clark, John Wolseley and Rick Amor amongst others.

Gallery Director, Joshua White stated, 'Dr Robertson will be profoundly missed, she has been a committed and hardworking Trustee, who has made an important impact on the cultural life of the community.'

A new Trustee was nominated by Dr Sue Robertson, Mr Allan Myers AC KC, which was seconded by Mr Gordon Dickinson. The many Trust members in attendance unanimously voted to accept, making Mr Myers appointment official.

Trustee, Mr Gordon Dickinson commented, 'This is a defining moment for Hamilton Gallery Trust, Mr Myers brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge and we very much look forward to working with him.'

Trustee, Mrs Jane Macdonald added, 'The Trust has had many wonderful people as Trustees over the last six decades and now we usher in a new era, and particularly at a time that is important for the future of our Gallery. Mr Myers will be a great addition.'

Gallery Director, Mr Joshua White said that it is an honour to work with Mr Myers. 'Mr Myers brings an extraordinary breadth of experience and skill, alongside a deep connection to the Australian art world.'

Founded in 1962, the Hamilton Gallery Trust is one of the oldest and most successful Trusts in Australia. The Trust ensures the growth of the Hamilton Gallery collection by managing members' contributions and actively purchasing artworks, contributing over 600 works of art to the Gallery's internationally renowned collection over more than six decades.

Supporters of the arts can join the Hamilton Gallery Trust by making a one-off donation to become a lifetime member, see the <u>Hamilton Gallery website</u> for details.

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About Hamilton Gallery

Hamilton Gallery is a public art gallery located in the city of Hamilton in South West Victoria. It was opened in 1961, following a generous act of local philanthropy, with a donation of 781 works of art. This gift provided the foundation and inspiration of today's collection, now numbering over 9,000 objects with unique strengths in Decorative Arts, European, Australian, Chinese and Japanese Art. The Hamilton Gallery Trust is one of the oldest and most successful trusts in Australia, contributing over 600 works of art to the Gallery's internationally renowned collection over a period of six decades, further establishing Hamilton Gallery as one of the most important in regional Australia.

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