



PRIME MINISTER

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NEW MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS AND ITS BOARDS

The Prime Minister today announced the names of 46 new members of the Australian Council for the Arts and its seven specialist boards. These new members will replace foundation members of the Council and Boards whose terms end on 30 June.

In announcing the names the Prime Minister said that he had decided to implement at this stage the principle of rotating membership on which the new organisation would be based. The system meant that the Council and Boards would have an annual changeover of a proportion of the membership while keeping a working continuity of experienced people. Over a period of years this system would enable many Australians to participate in the work of the Council. It would also ensure a flow of new ideas and values.

The Prime Minister said that the list of new appointments included many people who had put their names forward in response to a public request by the Council for people wishing to serve in this way. The Prime Minister expressed his thanks to the many hundreds of people who had offered their services. He said that these names would be kept on a list for future reference when new vacancies occurred. The enthusiastic response from such a wide sector of the community was a matter for great encouragement.

Mr Whitlam said that he wished to express his great gratitude to those members ending their terms of office. "The establishment phase of any new national institution necessarily involves a period of difficulty and considerable dedication on the part of those involved," he said. "In the case of the Council for the Arts, many of Australia's best artists and many people from the general community with very heavy personal responsibilities have been willing to give most generously of their time and interest to plan an organisation appropriate to the particular needs of the arts and to sit on boards and committees to establish policies and decide on financial allocations. Without the generosity and enthusiasm of these people we would not have succeeded in generating the degree of activity and wide interest in the arts which have become apparent over the last 18 months. The sacrifices made by members with busy careers indicate a dedication to the interests of the arts of which Australia may feel truly proud".

Mr Whitlam said that the new appointments had been made with a particular eye to one aspect of Government policy in the arts - namely the aim of increasing awareness, appreciation and participation in the arts throughout the general community. "We must at all times ensure through the Council for the Arts that Australia provides for the interests of its best professionals and enables people to plan and pursue careers in the arts at the very highest level in their own country. However this objective would be empty without a commensurate degree of community interest and involvement," the Prime Minister said. "Many of the new members will be able through their background and experience to contribute to policies which will enable the arts to pervade the whole texture of our society so that no citizen will be deprived of an opportunity to enjoy what the arts have to offer either as a participant or as a member of the interested public."

The list of members appointed from 1 July is as follows:

COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN

Professor P. Karmel	A.C.T.	Chairman, Australian Universities Commission
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GENERAL

* Mr J. Menadue	N.S.W.	Managing Director, News Ltd.
* Mrs B. Burstall	Victoria	Teacher: La Mama Theatre
Mr Justice R.M. Hope	N.S.W.	Chairman, Old Tote Theatre
Mr C.P. Bogard	N.S.W.	Managing Director, Home Units of Australia Pty Ltd: Director, Nimrod St Theatre.
Dr K. McKinnon	A.C.T.	Chairman, Australian Schools Commission
Mr W. Curran	Victoria	Secretary, Australian Meat Industry Employees' Union: Potter
Mr E. Costanzo	N.S.W.	Editor "La Fiamma"

BOARD CHAIRMEN

(See Board Lists for State and Qualification)

Mrs Nancy Keesing	Literature Board
Mr John Mostyn	Theatre Board
** Mrs Marea Gazzard	Crafts Board
** Mr John Baily	Visual Arts Board

- ** Mr Phillip Adams Film and Television Board
- *** Mr Ken Tribe Music Board
- ** Mr Dick Roughsey Aboriginal Arts Board

GOVERNMENT

- * Sir John Bunting, C.B.E. Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- * Mr A.P. Renouf, O.B.E. Department of Foreign Affairs
- * Mr J.H.M. Oswin Department of the Media

ARTISTS

- * Mr David Williamson Victoria Playwright
- Professor Ian Turner Victoria Writer: Associate Professor of History, Monash University
- Miss Doreen Warburton N.S.W. Director, Q Theatre: Actress
- Mrs Barbara Manning Tasmania Director: Theatre in Education
- Mr John Curro Queensland Conductor, Queensland Youth Orchestra
- Mrs Joan Campbell W.A. Potter

THEATRE BOARD

CHAIRMAN

- Mr John Mostyn N.S.W. Chairman, Friends of the Opera
- * Mr Colin Cave Victoria Director, Adult Education
- * Mr Anthony Steel S.A. Theatre Administrator
- * Mr Tom Brown N.S.W. Theatre Consultant
- * Mrs Patricia Wynn S.A. Theatre patron
- * Mr Don Crosby N.S.W. Actor
- Mrs Dorothy Sherry Tasmania Board member Tasmanian Youth Theatre: Theatre Royal
- Mr John Sumner Victoria Director and Administrator, Melbourne Theatre Co.

Miss Tessa Mallos	N.S.W.	Actress
Dr Allan Coles	Queensland	Head, Department of Physical Education, Queensland University
Mr William Hannan	Victoria	Writer: Director: Teacher engaged in migrant education.

VISUAL ARTS BOARD

CHAIRMAN

** Mr John Baily	Adelaide	Gallery Director
* Mr R. Robertson-Swann	N.S.W.	Sculptor: teacher
* Mr David Thomas	N.S.W.	Gallery Director
* Mr Fred Williams	Victoria	Painter
* Mrs Ann Lewis	N.S.W.	Private Gallery
* Mr James Gleeson	N.S.W.	Painter: Writer
Mr Geoff Parr	Tasmania	Photographer: Painter
Mr James Davenport	N.S.W.	President, Contemporary Art Society
Mr Neil Clerehan	Victoria	Architect
Professor Ralph Elliott	A.C.T.	Master of University House: President, Australian Society for Education through Art
Miss Lenore Nicklin	N.S.W.	Journalist

MUSIC BOARD

CHAIRMAN

*** Mr Ken Tribe	N.S.W.	Lawyer: President, Musica Viva
* Mr Don Banks	A.C.T.	Composer
* Mr John Hopkins	Victoria	Victorian College of Arts: Conductor
* Mr John Painter	N.S.W.	Cellist
* Mrs Elizabeth Silsbury	S.A.	Teachers' College, S.A., Music Education
Mr Bruce Clarke	Victoria	Composer of Contemporary, Pop, Rock and Jazz Music

Mr Craig McGregor	N.S.W.	Music Critic and Writer
Mr Harry Bluck	W.A.	Secretary, W.A. Branch Musicians' Union of Australia
Mr John Winther	N.S.W.	General Manager, Australian Opera
Mrs N. Giese	N.T.	President, Arts Council of Australia (N.T. Division)
Mr Mike Williams	N.S.W.	Journalist, Jazz Performer

CRAFTS BOARD

Chairman

** Mrs Marea Gazzard	N.S.W.	Potter
* Mr Les Blakeborough	Tasmania	Potter
* Mrs J. de Gruchy	Queensland	Designer: Gallery Director
* Mr M. Isaacs	N.S.W.	Solicitor, patron
* Mr R.J. Richards	S.A.	Jeweller: Curator
* Mr F. Belgiorno-Nettis	N.S.W.	Patron
* Mr T. Heath	N.S.W.	Architect: Writer
Mrs Solvig Baas-Becking	A.C.T.	Weaver: President Crafts Association, A.C.T.
Mr Dennis Colsey	Victoria	Designer: Chairman, Regional Galleries Association of Australia
Mrs Karin Le Mercier	S.A.	Manager Design Centre, Adelaide
Mr Ross Hohnen	A.C.T.	President, Industrial Design Council

FILM AND TELEVISION BOARD

Chairman

** Mr Phillip Adams	Victoria	Film Producer
* Mr Tom Jeffrey	N.S.W.	President, P.D.G.A.: T.V. Producer
* Mrs Dawn Brown	Victoria	Teacher: Film appreciation

* Mr Jim McQuaid	N.S.W.	Theatrical Employees' Union
* Mr R. Mason	N.S.W.	Film Producer
Mrs Irma Whitford	W.A.	Education Officer, W.A. Secondary Teachers' College: Producer, Film and Video Material
Miss Patricia Longmore	Victoria	Film Maker
Mr Ross Tzannes	N.S.W.	Lawyer: President, Sydney Film Festival
Dr Peter Pockley	N.S.W.	Adviser, Public Affairs, University of New South Wales
Mr William Ferris	N.S.W.	Managing Director, International Venture Corporation
Mr M. Carroll	S.A.	Associate Producer, S.A. Film Corporation

LITERATURE BOARD

Chairman

*** Miss Nancy Keesing	N.S.W.	Poet: Novelist
* Mr Tom Shapcott	Queensland	Accountant: Poet
* Mr Richard Walsh	N.S.W.	Publisher: Writer
* Mr David Malouf	N.S.W.	Education: Poet
* Mr Richard Hall	N.S.W.	Playwright
* Miss Elizabeth Riddell	N.S.W.	Poet: Journalist
Miss Rosemary Wighton	S.A.	Writer and Editor
Mr V. Williams	W.A.	Poet
Mrs Lorna Hannan	Victoria	Writer: Teacher
Mr Noel McCainsh	Queensland	English Department, James Cook University of Northern Queensland: Editor.
Mr Barrett Reid	Victoria	Poet: Librarian

ABORIGINAL ARTS BOARD

Chairman

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| ** | Mr Dick Roughsey | N.T. | Aboriginal painter and writer |
| * | Mr Mick Miller | Queensland | School teacher of Cairns. Member of Association for Cultural Education of Children of the Peninsula. Has great knowledge of North Queensland where he is well known. |
| * | Mrs Vi Stanton | N.T. | Part-Aboriginal deeply involved in giving encouragement in arts and craft activities to Northern Territory Aboriginal women. Vice-President of Northern Territory Aboriginal Development Foundation. |
| * | Mr Albert Lennon | N.T. | A leading member of the Pitjantjatjara of north-west South Australia. |
| * | Mrs Kitty Dick | Queensland | A leader in ceremonial life among the women of Weipa in north Queensland. |
| * | Mr Wandjuk Marika | N.T. | Tribal leader at Yirrkala in Arnhem Land. Known for his deep understanding of traditional life. |
| * | Mr Harold Blair | Victoria | Noted tenor engaged as a music teacher with the Victorian Education Department. Sponsor of the Harold Blair Holiday Scheme for Aboriginal children from outback areas. |
| * | Mr Albert Barunga | W.A. | Leading Aboriginal councillor at Mowanjum in Western Australia and member of many Aboriginal committees. |
| * | Mr Terrence Widders | N.S.W. | Armidale Teachers' College. Involved in country program for the revival of interest in traditions. Trainee film maker. |

* Mr Ken Colbung	W.A.	Co-ordinator of Aboriginal Cultural Enterprise Society, Perth. Active in fostering the arts in the Aboriginal urban communities.
Mr Samuel Gararaj	Darwin, N.T.	Traditional artist of the local school and leading figure in community affairs.
Mr Edward Koiko Mabo	Townsville Queensland	A Murray Islander, living in Townsville. Responsible for establishment of Townsville Aboriginal Advancement League, Black Community School and Aboriginal Legal Service. A talented performer of both traditional and contemporary Torres Straits song and dance.
Mr Jack Phillipus	Alice Springs	Traditional artist and ritual leader.
Ms Leila Rankine	S.A.	Actively involved in the Institute of Narrative and Music of Aborigines Inc.
Mr William Reid	Bourke, N.S.W.	Active in Aboriginal advancement and welfare projects. Expert craftsman.

*** Continuing member but not as Chairman
** Continuing Chairman
* Continuing member

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