

AGSA announces two prominent Board appointments

Adelaide, Australia: The Art Gallery of South Australia today announces the appointment of two new members of the Art Gallery Board, Andrew Nunn and Kenneth Watkins AM.

Andrew Nunn, South Australia's Chief Entrepreneur, is also a valued benefactor to the Art Gallery of South Australia and passionate supporter of the arts in South Australia.

Andrew Nunn says, 'It's a privilege to join the AGSA Board and contribute to their leadership, a really exciting opportunity. AGSA, like Adelaide itself, is well placed to continue to build its reputation as a national and global leader, and I look forward to bringing new ideas, innovation, collaboration and connectivity to the Gallery.'

Simultaneously, the Gallery announces the appointment of Kenneth Watkins, Philanthropy Director at The Australian Ballet, a leading light in Australian philanthropy who has devoted his career to fundraising in the creative arts.

Watkins says, 'I am absolutely delighted to be appointed to the Art Gallery Board and I hope to make a valuable contribution to my home State by sharing the skills and expertise gained over three decades working in the arts sector across the country.'

Chair of the Art Gallery Board Jason Karas says, 'We warmly welcome Andrew Nunn and Kenneth Watkins to the Art Gallery Board. They are each highly respected experts in their fields who will enhance the capability and strategic direction of our talented Board. Kenneth and Andrew both bring a national perspective and commercial expertise, are passionate about making our State a better place for all South Australians and are deeply committed to philanthropy. We are excited to be working with them in the pursuit of excellence at AGSA.'

Hon. Steven Marshall, MP, Premier of South Australia says, 'The expertise of both Andrew Nunn and Kenneth Watkins will be of great value to the Art Gallery Board where they join a team with excellent capability.'

Andrew Nunn and Kenneth Watkins join a diverse and highly experienced Art Gallery Board comprising Jason Karas as Chair, alongside Susan Armitage, Joshua Fanning, Alison Page, Jacqui McGill AO, and Jane Yuile as members.

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BIOGRAPHIES

Andrew Nunn

A co-founder and Director of JBS&G Australia Pty Ltd, Andrew Nunn has over 28 years of experience in the assessment, remediation and management of contaminated sites, and Environmental Auditing. In 2017, Andrew was awarded the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award for South Australia and was appointed in 2018 as a member of the Judging Panel for the award. In recent years, Andrew has expanded beyond his Environmental Engineering focus to include a range of property development projects in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, and is

the Chairman of a South Australian based private equity investment company, Adelaide Equity Solutions. Andrew is a passionate supporter of the arts industry across South Australia. In 2016, Andrew and his wife Alexandra Dimos established the Nunn Dimos Foundation, a philanthropic fund focused on supporting key social and arts causes in South Australia. In February 2021, Andrew was appointed as South Australia's Chief Entrepreneur. Leader of the Entrepreneurship Advisory Board, the South Australian Chief Entrepreneur provides high level, independent advice to the South Australian Cabinet and the business community to enable entrepreneurialism across all forms of business, industry and the public sector.

Kenneth Watkins AM

Kenneth Watkins has devoted his career to fundraising in the performing arts. This led to post graduate studies and to roles at the Queensland Performing Arts Trust and The Australian Ballet.

Kenneth's work since 1989 has been built on the premise of persistence, dedication and determination. His vision is to make a difference through relationship building and securing a strong financial base through philanthropy. As Australians begin to embrace philanthropy as part of their culture, Kenneth believes it is vital that all not-for-profits, in particular arts companies, increase their knowledge and expertise in all aspects of fundraising. Kenneth is passionate about developing the next generation of fundraisers by actively mentoring staff from organisations across Australia and assisting them to build their strategies and networks.

As a member of the Executive team at The Australian Ballet for more than 27 years, Kenneth has made a strong contribution to the vision, values and strategic objectives of the business and increased the profile of the company. He works with the philanthropy team to ensure The Australian Ballet has the resources to be one of the pre-eminent ballet companies in the world.