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National Trust Announces Maisy Stapleton as new Deputy Executive Director

Will Holmes à Court, the Executive Director of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) has announced the appointment of Maisy Stapleton to the role of Deputy Executive Director. "I have appreciated Maisy's insight as a fellow board member of the Trust and I am delighted to welcome her to this role which focuses on building the Trust's traditional base, strengthening its expertise in conservation and its community participation through its museums and galleries, membership and events".

Maisy Stapleton, as the first CEO of Museums & Galleries NSW, brings invaluable experience. Ms Stapleton said "I have spent the last 10 years in an advisory and training role with museums and galleries throughout NSW and I am keen to put into practice the many lessons learned from these organisations and from many years of travel to cultural sites across the globe. I particularly look forward to working with the Trust's strong volunteer workforce and staff having witnessed the beneficial impact of volunteers in the museum world and the way they can inject heart and soul into diverse projects"

"I detect a growing community interest in history – from vintage fashion to family research – the key is ensuring the relevance of the Trust's activities to both its members and the broader community. Families with young children, active retirees and a younger generation, all interested in engaging with ideas on the environment, with art and cultural heritage are key target groups for the Trust, while the new National History Curriculum offers huge opportunities to create learning experiences for school children. The National Trust has the ability to connect with all these groups and I believe that its inherent community ownership can be strengthened to enable new, community-focussed approaches to managing and presenting its collections."

Ms Stapleton also brings to this position, her previous experience as the Trust's Marketing and Corporate Affairs Manager, as CEO of Regional Arts NSW and as Curator of Elizabeth Bay House. She will commence with the Trust in early July.

The Board of Museums & Galleries NSW congratulates Maisy on her appointment as Deputy Executive Director of the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

The Chair, Rosalind Strong, said "The Trust is indeed fortunate. Maisy's unique experience, deep knowledge of the museum and gallery sector, judgement and networks will be enormously helpful to the Trust in her new role."

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