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Board of National Trust of Australia [NSW] elects new President

The Board of Directors of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) elected a new President over the weekend, Ian Carroll OAM.

Ian Carroll has been a member of the Trust since 1996. He is a former Partner of national law firm Clayton Utz and has acted as an honorary legal adviser to a number of charities and other not-for-profit organisations including serving as President of UNICEF Australia. He is now a director of a number of companies in the financial services sector.

Mr Carroll said he is honoured to be elected President of the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

"I have a strong commitment to the preservation of Australia's natural, built and cultural heritage, including our indigenous and ethnic heritage, and to the promotion of heritage values to governments and the community, including our younger and ethnic communities," Mr Carroll said.

"It is important for the National Trust to represent the heritage of the diverse range of ethnic groups that have made Australia what it is today. For instance the Chinese and Italian communities have a rich history in Australia and the story of their contribution needs to be told.

"I also hold a strong interest in the governance, strategic management and risk management of not-for-profit organisations. In this tough economic climate it is essential that the Trust has strong business management with the objective of revenue generation. I look forward to working with the Trust's Executive Director John Neish to see the organisation through this critical period of consolidation and growth."

Trust Executive Director John Neish welcomed Mr Carroll's election as President.

"Ian brings a wealth of invaluable experience and an outstanding record of achievement in the corporate and not-for-profit sector, in addition to a strong commitment to the heritage conservation cause. He will be a great asset to the Trust and I very much look forward to working with Ian as we move forward into the future," Mr Neish said.

Mr Carroll and Mr Neish expressed their gratitude to outgoing President Dr Zeny Edwards.

"We would also like to thank Dr Edwards for her dedicated service to the Trust during her Presidency (07-08), Deputy Presidency (06-07) and before, as a long-time active Trust member and supporter. Zeny has worked tirelessly for heritage protection, helping for example to spearhead the Trust's recent campaigns against retrograde reforms of the NSW planning system and Heritage Act.

"Amongst her many achievements, Zeny will also be remembered as the driving force behind two successful fundraising dinners at Government House and for convening the National Trust Brains Trust Forum which brought heritage protection to the attention of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. We thank Zeny for her passion, creative energy and extraordinary commitment to the Trust over many years," Mr Carroll and Mr Neish said.

At last weekend's AGM the results of the election of new Members of the Board were also announced. Mr Neish warmly welcomed Maureen Pike and Professor Ross Griffith to the Board.

Mr Neish also thanked Associate Professor Paul Adam, who has resigned from the Board after serving since 2005, for his great commitment and expertise especially in the areas of wetlands and coastal conservation, and for his long-term involvement in the Trust's Coastal and Landscape Conservation Committees.

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