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National Trust welcomes new Board members and interim Executive Director at AGM

Ken Wilson and Martijn Wilder have been elected as two new Board members to the National Trust of Australia (NSW) at the Trust's AGM which was held on Saturday 28 November. The Board President, Ian Carroll, also announced the appointment of William Holmes à Court, the current Treasurer, as the interim Executive Director of the Trust.

William will step down from the Board to ensure the National Trust continues on its path of growth and change, set with its new strategic plan, Charting Our Future, which guides the Trust's direction for the next ten years.

Executive Director, John Neish, said "We are delighted to welcome Ken and Martijn to the Board. Both Ken and Martijn bring with them a wealth of experience which will be much appreciated by the Board. Their expertise in legal matters and heritage will help the Trust move forward in a time of immense change."

Martijn Wilder, a Partner and Head of Global Climate Change Practice, Baker & McKenzie, is regarded as one of the leading legal advisors in Australia. His expertise involves consultation on environmental trends that are impacting on our natural heritage such as climate change.

Ken Wilson was formerly Managing Director of National Engineering and had major success in the construction of such projects as the New Parliament House, Law Courts, National Gallery, Sydney ANZ Stadium, Velodrome and Aquatic Centre. He has been involved in the heritage restoration of properties in Berrima and has a keen interest in heritage architecture.

John Neish continued, "We are also delighted that Will has stepped in as interim Executive Director. Will has a long history with the Trust, having been a Board member for eight years. He knows the Trust intimately and understands the challenges and opportunities which face the Trust on a daily basis. We are incredibly grateful to Will for stepping into this role to guide the staff and senior management."

Ken and Martijn join the 2010 Board of Directors of the National Trust which includes: President Ian Carroll OAM, Don Godden, John Neish, Julian Bickersteth, Professor Ross Griffith, Helen Lochhead, Peter Lowry OAM, Robyn Christie, Janine Kitson and Maureen Pike.

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