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## RDA Northern Rivers farewells outgoing Chair, The Hon Donald Page

RDA Northern Rivers Board and staff thank outgoing Chair, The Hon. Donald Page, for his time and dedication to regional development in the Northern Rivers.

Mr Page joined the RDA Northern Rivers Board in March 2016 and has provided strong leadership for the past nine years to support economic and social development in the Northern Rivers region.

On his time as Chair of RDA Northern Rivers, Mr Page said

"It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of RDA Northern Rivers and work alongside a dedicated team committed to the region's prosperity. Together, we have navigated challenges, fostered collaboration, and championed initiatives that will support long-term economic and social resilience."

Anthony Schreenan, RDA Northern Rivers Director of Regional Development said

"Don's leadership has been instrumental in guiding RDA Northern Rivers through a period of significant challenges and opportunities. His deep commitment to regional development and his unwavering support for our communities have left a lasting impact on the Northern Rivers."

"Don's strategic vision and tireless advocacy for the Northern Rivers have strengthened our region's economic resilience and growth. His ability to bring together stakeholders from all levels of government, business, and the community has been invaluable in driving meaningful change."

"It has been a privilege to work alongside Don Page. His experience, and genuine care for the region have set a high standard for leadership. On behalf of RDA Northern Rivers, I extend our deepest gratitude and best wishes for his next chapter."

Mr Page will be succeeded by incoming Chair, Dr Susan Vinnicombe. Dr Vinnicombe joined the RDA Northern Rivers Board in 2015 and has worked closely with Mr Page as Deputy Chair since 2019.

"Don has been a steadfast advocate for the Northern Rivers, guiding RDA with wisdom, integrity, and a deep passion for regional development. His leadership has strengthened our region's resilience and created lasting opportunities for growth." Dr Vinnicombe said.

"Under Don's leadership, RDA Northern Rivers has strengthened collaboration across government, business, and the community. His ability to unite stakeholders and drive impactful outcomes will leave a lasting legacy in the region."

"It is an honour to follow in Don's footsteps as Chair of RDA Northern Rivers. I extend my sincere appreciation for his dedication and leadership, and I look forward to building on the strong foundation he has laid for the region."

As he passes on the baton of the RDA Northern Rivers leadership, Mr Page shared what he sees as the strengths of our region and his vision for the future for RDA Northern Rivers.

"The strength of the Northern Rivers lies in its people and their willingness to work together for a common purpose. I am grateful for the partnerships we have built across all levels of government, business, and the community to drive positive change."

"I leave this role knowing that RDA Northern Rivers is in capable hands, with strong leadership and a clear vision for the future. I look forward to seeing the region continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead" he said.

The RDA Northern Rivers Board and staff thank Mr Page for his dedication to regional development and leadership of the RDA Northern Rivers Board and wish him well in future endeavours.

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