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STATE LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS

Minister for the Arts, George Souris, has today announced two new appointments and one re-appointment to the Library Council of NSW (State Library), following approval by the Governor this week.

The new appointments are Jan Richards and Andrew Tink whilst Rob Thomas has been re-appointed as President of the Council.

They join a nine-person Council which includes Elsa Atkin, Graham Bradley AM, Michael Caulfield, Richard Fisher AM, Dr John Vallance and Bridget Griffen-Foley.

“The State Library is the country’s pre-eminent repository and custodian of historic Australiana books, documents, drawings and Aboriginal cultural assets.

“It is vital that this wonderful cultural facility continues in its important duty as a major national resource utilised by millions of Australians,” Mr Souris said.

Library Council of NSW (State Library) Appointees

Rob Thomas (President): NSW Library Council member for six years. Over 35 years experience in the Securities industry with Potter Partners (now UBS), County NatWest, Solomon Smith Barney & Citigroup. Former Chairman & CEO of Citigroup’s Corporate & Investment Bank Australia and New Zealand (retired in 2004). Remained a consultant to the Group until 2008. Currently: Chairman, TAL Ltd; Director: Virgin Australia Ltd; Heartware International Ltd; REVA Medical Ltd; O’Connell Street Associates. Chair, Stockbrokers Association of Australia, Grahger Capital Securities Ltd (Fund Manager). Member: Monash University Medical Foundation; NSW State Library Foundation; Advisory Board for Nomura Australia & INTEQ. AICD (Fellow); FINSIA (Fellow); Stockbrokers Association of Australia (Master Stockbroker). BEc, Monash University.

Jan Richards: Currently (since 1994), Manager, Central West Libraries in Orange reporting to five member councils (Orange, Blayney, Carbonne, Cowra & Forbes). Member: Australian Library & Information Association (Vice President/President in 2009-2010) where she convened the first ever Australian Public Libraries Summit & promoted the 2012 National Year of Reading. Member: International Federation of Library Associations Standing Committee on Public Libraries; Local Government Managers, Australia; NSW Regional Library Managers Group (Co-Chair). Director, Orange Regional Arts Foundation. Previously: Secretary, Country Libraries Association (2004-2008); Member, Libraries Reference Group, NSW Local Government & Shires Association (2006-2008); Member, Uni of Sydney, Centre for Regional Education (2002-2006); Divisional Librarian, NSW Agriculture (1990-1994); Local Studies/Reference Librarian, Wollongong City Library (1975-1990). BA (Library & Information Science).

Andrew Tink: A Visiting Fellow at the Division of Law, Macquarie University, since 2007. He was a Member of the Macquarie 2010 Bicentenary Celebration Committee. He was educated at the Australian National University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Law. He practised as a Barrister before his election to the Parliament of NSW in 1988. He served until 2007. He was Member for Epping from 1999 to 2007. He is also the author of two political biographies and was awarded the CAL Waverley 'Nib' Award for Literature 2010 and the Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize 2010.

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