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Gladstone Area Water Board appoints new Chairperson

Prominent local businesswoman, Adrienne Ward, was appointed Chairperson of Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) this week, replacing Maxine Brushe.

Ms Brushe was appointed Chairperson in August 2019, leading GAWB through almost four years of growth and change.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer, Darren Barlow, thanked Ms Brushe for her years of service to the board and welcomed Ms Ward to GAWB.

“Ms Brushe’s leadership and deep understanding of the Gladstone region has strengthened GAWB’s strategic direction and helped the organisation forge stronger relationships with our key stakeholders, setting the foundations for a prosperous future,” Mr Barlow said.

“As Chairperson, Ms Brushe has helped GAWB navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and overseen the recent approval of the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline project.

“We thank Ms Brushe for her service not only to GAWB but to our customers, community and stakeholders.”

Ms Ward has an extensive background in corporate and government strategy, working across senior levels of government and business for more than 20 years.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Ms Ward to GAWB. She is well known for her business acumen, strategic thinking and leadership ability, already serving on various Boards in both Gladstone and the State,” Mr Barlow said.

“Ms Ward joins us at exciting time for GAWB with the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline project set to double our asset base and significantly increase the size of our operations. Her experience will be invaluable to us as we expand our business.”

GAWB has also appointed one new Director to the Board, with current member Aurelia Noran also being replaced, effective immediately.

Suzanne Burow has been appointed to the Board as a Director.

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Ms Burow has more than 25 years' experience working as a specialised engineer in the water sector, with a specific emphasis on hydrology and hydraulic modelling studies.

Throughout her career, Ms Burow has contributed to regulatory processes and business case investigations related to water planning in Queensland. Ms Burow is a Chartered Engineering Fellow and Deputy Chair on the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland.

In accordance with the Water Act 2003 (Qld), Directors are appointed for term of three years.

Professor Poh-Ling Tan, Tina Zawila and Peter Masters remain on the Board as Directors.

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