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## New RDA Mid North Coast Chair Announcement

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Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast (RDAMNC) would like to share news of the appointment of a new Chair, Ms Louise McMeeking, effective 1 April 2025. Louise brings a wealth of knowledge to RDA MNC with over 15 years of experience as the Regional Director North Coast at the Department of Regional NSW. Louise has extensive partners in government (all levels), business, and community networks with a diverse range of stakeholders, leading, collaborating and delivering results in economic development and community wellbeing. Along with her family, she has also owned and operated small businesses in the MNC for over 20 years.

Louise replaces Mr Kieren Dell as Chair, with Kieren having been appointed to the position of Chair of RDA Brisbane. During his 4+ year tenure, Kieren's leadership and expertise have significantly contributed to the growth and success of RDA MNC and the region at large.

Kieren provided invaluable leadership in overseeing the delivering of key regional projects that have made a lasting impact on the Mid North Coast and Norfolk Island. His work has contributed significantly to the region's economic, social, and environmental development, including advocacy for early childhood education and care, housing solutions and labour participation investigations. Notably, Kieren oversaw the success of The Welcome Experience for the Mid North Coast. Under his leadership, Norfolk Island achieved key milestones, including the receipt of a grant for a Country University Centre and the Assisted Reproductive Program to support the local cattle and sheep industries.

### Quotes

*Dr Madeleine Lawler, CEO, RDA MNC*

"I have valued working with Kieren Dell during my two years as CEO of RDA MNC. I have been grateful for his steady hand, strategic guidance and all-round good company. I am confident that Brisbane will have great success under his guidance, and I look forward to seeing the elevation of the RDAs of regional Queensland who are seriously high achieving organisations.

Kieren successfully guided RDA MNC through the challenges of the post-COVID era, natural disasters, and political changes. His commitment to regional development and his expertise in business and governance have been invaluable to the organisation. The RDA MNC Board and team extend heartfelt thanks to Kieren for his outstanding leadership and dedication, leaving a lasting legacy on the communities he served." Madeleine Lawler, CEO RDA MNC

*Kieren Dell, Outgoing Chair, RDAMNC*

"I have thoroughly enjoyed leading this great organisation over the past 4 years, and I am extremely proud of the work we have done as a team to better the economies and liveability of the Mid North Coast and Norfolk Island. I wish Louise, the Board and the wonderful team all the best in continuing and building on this work for many years to come", Kieren Dell, Outgoing Chair RDAMNC.

*Louise McMeeking, Incoming Chair, Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast.*

"I am excited to continue my passion for Regional Development in this new role as Chair RDA MNC. I look forward to working with such a dedicated team of Board members and RDAMNC staff."

The Board and staff of RDAMNC extend their deepest gratitude to Kieren for his tireless service and leadership. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours and look forward to working closely with Louise as we continue to build a prosperous future for the Mid North Coast and Norfolk Island.



*Louise McMeeking, Incoming Chair, Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast (RDAMNC).*

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