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Brisbane lawyer elected president of the RNA

Senior partner at Minter Ellison David Thomas has just been elected president of the RNA at its council meeting in Brisbane today.

Mr Thomas replaces outgoing president Allan Warby OAM, who served as an RNA Councillor for a distinguished 38 years before becoming president in March 2010.

Mr Thomas joined the RNA Council in 2002 and was elected to the position of Junior Vice-President in 2006 and in 2010 to Senior Vice-President.

He is also Chair of the Queensland Maritime Museum and an Adjunct Professor at Murdoch University.

RNA Chief Executive Jonathan Tunny paid tribute to former president Allan Warby who was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2006 for service to primary industry through the RNA and to horse racing in Surat and Dalby.

“Allan is part of a fifth generation farming family whose service to the Royal Queensland Show has been outstanding,” he said.

“His involvement with the show spans a remarkable 51 years, as he served as a cattle steward for 12 years before being elected to council in 1972.

“During Allan’s tenure the Royal Queensland Show’s cattle competition has grown to become the biggest in Australia, which is a great achievement.”

Mr Tunny also welcomed new president David Thomas who also serves as the alternate Chair of the Joint Management Committee for the RNA Showgrounds Regeneration Project.

“For the past nine years David has been heavily involved in the annual Ekka and the vision and planning of our \$2.9 billion 15 year regeneration project,” he said.

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