



Media Release

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Global hotel expert appointed to RNA Council

One of the world's leading experts in hotel management and the hospitality sector was appointed to the RNA Council in Brisbane today.

Managing partner of PG International Consulting Gary Kieseker, has more than 30 years' experience in the international convention and exhibition industry.

His expertise and career in developing and managing convention and exhibition centres, hotel and tourism related projects has spanned the globe.

Mr Kieseker was appointed to fill a casual vacancy following the recent retirement of Joan Scott, who was awarded the position of Honorary Councillor in recognition of her 17 years of service to the RNA.

RNA President David Thomas said Mr Kieseker's extensive experience in international convention centres and hotel management would prove invaluable to the RNA, considering the \$2.9 billion regeneration of the RNA Showgrounds.

"He has a distinguished international career which includes senior executive management positions with the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group and Oberoi Hotels International," he said.

"His career has taken him to the United States, China, Russia, South Africa, Singapore, Indonesia, Fiji, Malaysia, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand.

"In Australia he has worked on numerous projects including the RNA's Royal International Convention Centre (RICC), plus the Melbourne, Darwin, Mackay and Geelong convention and exhibition centres."

Mr Thomas said considering the RICC was set to open this March, the Council was thrilled to have his expertise, experience and knowledge on board.

"In 2013 our world-class regeneration project will enter its third year of development which includes the RICC, plus continued construction on the first five residential buildings comprising of 340 apartments," he said.

"This renewal is transforming our iconic RNA Showgrounds into a year-round destination and events precinct, a place where people will live, work and play.

"This precinct will greatly improve our events through state-of-the-art facilities, and attract thousands of new visitors a year while retaining our historical legacy.

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“Mr Kiesecker is a person who brings extensive knowledge in these areas and the association will benefit greatly from his expertise.”

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