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MALLEE CMA WELCOMES NEW CHAIR

EXPERIENCED company accountant and former dry-land farmer Narelle Heard has been appointed Chair of the Mallee Catchment Management Authority Board.

Under the latest round of water sector Board appointments announced by Victorian Water Minister Gayle Tierney, Ms Heard will lead the Mallee CMA Board, with fellow board members including Robert Matthews, Ann Hodge, Kym McIntosh, Andrew Charles, Janice Kelly, and Ruwan Jayasinghe.

Ms Heard is a Director for Princes Court Limited, as well as an experienced Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary with nearly 12 years of board-level experience. She has a strong background in governance, strategy, financial, audit and risk management, investment, and project management, with particular experience in the agricultural, land, water, and resource industries.

Narelle is a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA) with a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Finance, and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Course. She is a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants, the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and Board Direction.

Ms Heard assumes the role of Chair from outgoing Board Chair Allison McTaggart, who served on the Mallee CMA Board for 12 years, including four years as Chair. Ms McTaggart was a significant contributor to the Mallee CMA, completing many years on various Board sub-committees including the Audit and Risk Committee, Regional Catchment Strategy Steering Committee, and Aboriginal Reference Group.

Also concluding their time with the Mallee CMA Board is Kellie Nulty, who served on the Board for 9 years, including as Deputy Chair since 2021; and Tony Alessi, who was appointed to the Board in 2021.

The new-look Mallee CMA Board will meet for the first time at the end of October, 2025.

Quotes attributable to Mallee CMA Chair, Narelle Heard:

I would like to thank Allison for her dedication and commitment to the Mallee CMA and our region. She has been an inspirational leader who has always valued the Mallee's unique landscape and the people who live and work here. Allison has provided the Mallee CMA with strong leadership and leaves the organisation in an excellent position.

As the newly appointed Chair of Mallee CMA, I am looking forward to working with the Board, management and staff to ensure the Mallee CMA achieves its strategic priorities, while delivering meaningful outcomes for the Mallee community.

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Background information:

The Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is a statutory authority established to ensure that natural resources in the region are managed in an integrated and ecologically sustainable way. Its work is based on science and delivered through meaningful partnerships with local organisations such as Landcare, community groups, and government agencies in the Victorian Mallee.

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