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Carclew to Embark on Recruitment Search for New Chair as Rachel Healy Announces End of Tenure

Adelaide, South Australia: Carclew today announces that Chair Rachel Healy will be stepping down from her role in September, following three years in the role. Rachel will soon be relocating to Queensland to serve as Chief Executive of the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), starting December.

Recognised as one of Australia's leading arts professionals, Rachel's extensive experience spans over 20 years across multiple artforms and leadership roles, including Joint Artistic Director of the Adelaide Festival, Executive Manager Culture for the City of Sydney, and leadership positions at Belvoir St Theatre and Sydney Opera House.

Rachel said:

"It has been a great privilege to have chaired Carclew for the past three years, through many successes and some significant challenges, particularly during COVID. Given the catalytic role Carclew played in my own life and career, it has been both an honour and a significant responsibility to ensure that Carclew continues to optimise creativity and imagination in the next generation of South Australian children and young people.

Along with Carclew's committed and passionate board and staff, I'm very proud of the organisation's many recent achievements in amplifying young voices and supporting their creative discoveries. I also feel very confident about the future of Carclew under Mimi Crowe's dynamic leadership, together with a skilled new leadership team, motivated board and an ambitious new Strategic Plan."

Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Blair Boyer MP said, "I sincerely thank Rachel for her involvement and championing of youth arts as Chair of Carclew. She leaves South Australia with a strong reputation and breadth of experience across the arts sector. She has advocated for artists, led inspirational teams, and has had an indelible impact on the creative arts in South Australia."

Carclew CEO Mimi Crowe added, "We thank Rachel for her extensive contribution, successfully steering Carclew through a period of change and growth. We wish her every success for the future and for her exciting opportunity in Queensland."

Carclew today begins a national recruitment search for a new Chair, led by Andrew Reed, General Manager, Hender Consulting.



“It is an exciting time to join Carclew in the role of Chair” shared Ms Crowe, “with the recent appointment of a new leadership team - Lisa Baker as Head of Programming, Robyn Jones as General Manager, and Jude Henshall as Producer - Carclew is well positioned for the future.”

Applications are strongly encouraged from accomplished professionals with a genuine desire to contribute their capabilities to the ongoing governance, future relevance and sustainability of Carclew. Experience in governance, philanthropy and stakeholder management, complemented by commercial and political acumen is necessary. The role offers an exciting opportunity to make a significant impact on young lives and the cultural and broader fabric of the State.

About Carclew:

Carclew is the home of youth arts and creativity. It connects all children and young people to a world of creative possibilities, as artists, learners and audiences. As Australia’s largest multi-artform cultural institution dedicated to children and young people, Carclew is a vital part of Australia’s youth arts and cultural sector.

At a time of unprecedented growth, Carclew is driven by its core value to have the greatest impact on the greatest number, with an ambitious plan to amplify and elevate the youth arts sector in Adelaide, South Australia and nationally.

Carclew staff are holders of an important 52-year legacy in South Australia and at a point of renewal and revitalisation. Carclew is committed to deliver impact and opportunity for children and young people for the next half-century. Carclew is a not-for-profit organisation incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985. Carclew is also Public Authority under the Department for Education and has a role in dispersing State government funds through Carclew grant programs.

Carclew acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we live, learn, and work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and leaders emerging today.

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