

# News Release **Minister Gail Gago**

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Minister for State/Local Government Relations

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## New Outback Communities Authority members and chair

Appointments to the Outback Communities Authority have today been announced by Minister for State/Local Government Relations Gail Gago.

Minister Gago said the appointees would commence their terms on July 1 2013, and she was looking forward to working with them.

“The authority has jurisdiction over almost two-thirds of the State, and serves about 4,000 people in numerous small communities, service locations and pastoral and farming properties in the outback,” Ms Gago said

“The OCA does important work in managing the provision and improvement of public services and facilities for outback communities, as well as helping to communicate the views, interests and aspirations of those who live there.”

Minister Gago thanked outgoing chair Bill McIntosh, as well as members Patricia Katnich, Toni Bauer and Jennifer Cleary for the effort and commitment, and welcomed the new members.

“Mr McIntosh has been an outstanding chair and has given so much to the outback community, of which he is a proud part, and I wish him and the other outgoing members all the best for their next endeavours,” Ms Gago said.

“I would also like to welcome the new members - Cecilia Woolford, who will take up the position of chair, Marilyn Turner, Joyleen Maud Booth and Peter Allen – and thank them for accepting their new positions.”

Incoming chair Cecilia Woolford of Hillridge Stud near Kimba is a farmer and pastoralist with experience as Chair and board member of a number statutory and non-government boards at the state and national level, and since January 2012 has chaired the newly created Andamooka Town Management Committee.

Joyleen Maud Booth has since 2005 co-managed with her husband a pastoral property on the Strzelecki Track east of Lyndhurst. A descendant of the Wangkangurru people, Ms Booth was the Diamantina Shire Council's first and longest serving Aboriginal woman, and was a member of the Queensland Local Government Women's Association.

Peter Allen of Andamooka is a business proprietor who has been a member of the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association since 2007 and was the chair until 2012. Since January 2012, he has been a member of the Andamooka Town Management Committee, and has owned and operated businesses in the Kimberley region of Western Australia and northern South Australia.

Marilyn Turner of Marree has been the co-lessee of the Marree Hotel since 2011, and previously worked for 15 years in senior positions in Federal Government agencies in Canberra, including in environmental compliance on the Beverley and Ranger uranium mines, and audit, infrastructure and service delivery programs for the Federal Government's Closing the Gap strategy.

The new appointees join ongoing members George Beltchev, Frances Lynette Warwick Frahn and Margaret Heylen.

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