

Former member for Ballina Don Page announced as Chair for RDA Northern Rivers



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NEW CHAIR FOR RDA NORTHERN RIVERS BRINGS A WEALTH OF LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

RDA-Northern Rivers is pleased to announce today the appointment of Don Page as its new Chair.

RDA – Northern Rivers, CEO, Ben Redden said “Mr Page is a well known and respected figure in the Northern Rivers and the RDA team is excited to work with him to further promote appropriate economic development within the region”

The grandson of former prime minister Sir Earle Page, and a former deputy leader of the Nationals, Mr Page has been a stalwart representative of the region as the State member for Ballina for over 25 years

A valued representative of the local community, Mr Page was the State member for Ballina from 1988 to 2015 and held Shadow Ministry positions of Land and Water Conservation, Forestry, Roads, Housing, Regional Development, State Development, Skills Development and Training, Tourism and Small Business and Regulatory Reform, between 1988 and 2011.

He was the Shadow Minister for the North Coast from 2005 and then Minister for the North Coast and Minister for Local Government between 2011 and 2014.

On his retirement in 2015 Mr Page was heralded by the local community as a true statesman and valued representative of the Northern Rivers community.

Mr Page brings this wealth of knowledge and understanding of our region to the position of Chair of the Regional Development Australia - Northern Rivers Committee.

The Regional Development Australia - Northern Rivers Committee farewells Mr John Walker as our outgoing Chair and thanks him for his service since taking the position in January 2015.

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Notes to editors:

1. RDA – Northern Rivers, Incorporated is a leadership voice for the Northern Rivers. We support local economies, build dynamic communities and enhance liveability in the region by: improving access to government funding and programs; facilitating partnerships and linkages with all tiers of government and the community; and managing a diverse range of projects that create economic, social and natural capital. We are a non-profit, community-based organisation.



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