



Dear Industry Colleagues,

This email is to let you know that Mr Bob Annells will be stepping down from the position of Chairman of the Tourism Tasmania Board, and to advise that Mr Grant Hunt will be taking up the role. The Minister for Tourism, Michelle O'Byrne has announced this news via a media release earlier today.

For Tourism Tasmania, and the industry we serve this change of Chair will be a seamless transition of leadership of our Board.

Mr Annells has served as Chairman since 2006. His fixed term of service as Chairman expired late last year; however, after the announcement of the resignation of Felicia Mariana as CEO of Tourism Tasmania, the Minister for Tourism, Michelle O'Byrne, requested he continue in the position in order to oversee the recruitment and appointment of Ms Mariani's replacement. As you know, this has now been completed, and Tony Mayell will soon commence in the role of CEO.

Mr Annells has shown extraordinary commitment in his role as Chair and has been a strong supporter of Tourism Tasmania and to Tasmania's tourism industry. He has steered the organisation through a significant organisational restructure and has seen visitation to the state grow, despite the many challenges faced by our industry over the past few years.

We wish Mr Annells well for the future and at the same time welcome Mr Grant Hunt who will replace Mr Annells as Chairman.

Mr Hunt's extensive experience in tourism includes his being the founder, CEO and Managing Director of Anthology Pty Ltd; Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Voyages Hotels and Resorts; and Project Director of Sutera Harbour Resort Development in Sabah, East Malaysia.

Mr Hunt has also consulted on a range of unique, luxury developments in special settings. These include Longitude 131 at Uluru - Australia's first luxury tented safari Lodge; Qualia on Hamilton Island, a 60 room luxury lodge and spa overlooking the Coral Sea; and most recently, Wildman Wilderness Lodge in the Top End of the Northern Territory.

Mr Hunt has also been a Director for Tourism Australia and Chairman of Tourism NT Advisory Board and will clearly bring an equal understanding, enthusiasm and dedication to tourism in Tasmania as has Mr Annells.

Mr Hunt will commence in his new role on the Board on 1 June.

Regards

**Rowan Sproule  
Acting Chief Executive  
Tourism Tasmania**