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### **Media Statement**

#### **New chair for Art Gallery board.**

Culture and the Arts Minister John Day has announced a new chairperson for the board of the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

Fiona Kalaf has been appointed, having held the deputy chairperson role for the past three years. She is currently director of management consulting firm Buro.

“Ms Kalaf, who has degrees in fine arts and architecture and a Master of Business Administration, brings outstanding curatorial and commercial skills to her new role as chairperson of the Art Gallery board,” Mr Day said.

“She has been an Art Gallery board member since 2003 and has held senior executive positions at HBF, the Commonwealth Bank and Wesfarmers Ltd.

“At Wesfarmers Ltd, Ms Kalaf developed the award-winning Wesfarmers Arts sponsorships program, and managed the company’s renowned art collection.”

The Minister said Ms Kalaf’s board membership of the WA Planning Commission’s Central Perth Planning Committee and the East Perth Redevelopment Authority were positive connections for the Art Gallery.

Ms Kalaf said she looked forward to her new role.

“It is an exciting time for the Art Gallery with the Perth Cultural Centre redevelopment under way and the ‘Peggy Guggenheim: A Collection in Venice’ exhibition opening on October 9 as part of the ‘Great Collections of the World’ series,” Ms Kalaf said.

Brian Roche, executive director Shared Services at the Department of Treasury and Finance, has been appointed to the board for a period of four years. He has more than 25 years experience in strategic corporate services in local and State government as well as in the private sector.

Mr Day acknowledged the hard work and dedication of Helen Cook, who was chairperson for the past four years and a board member since 2004. Ms Cook chose not to be renominated for the position.

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