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NEW LOOK FOR THE CENTRAL WEST CMA BOARD

The Central West Catchment Management Authority (CMA) Chairman, Mr Tom Gavel today announced two new Board members, Dr Anne Kerle and Mr Tim Horan.

Mr Gavel extended a warm welcome to the new Board members who will be instrumental in representing the interests of the catchment community in natural resource management.

“Both appointments bring a wealth of skills, leadership and extensive experience within the rural community and will compliment the skills of the existing Board. They will strengthen the team’s natural resource management skills, diversity and assist us in delivering strategic direction and corporate governance for the CMA,” Mr Gavel said.

Dr Anne Kerle is a Dubbo-based ecologist of some thirty years who has been involved in a range of environmental and landscape issues and an active member of many community committees. Dr Kerle is keen to assist land managers to develop innovative solutions for the many challenges that they face.

Tim Horan possesses primary production and strong local government experience and is currently the Mayor of Coonamble. He brings a fresh perspective, a keen interest in strengthening rural communities, is socially committed with an interest in balancing the interests of primary production along with the environment.

The new members join existing Board members Tom Gavel, John Davis and Bill Gillooly and reappointed members Reg Kidd and Peter Weston. All Board appointments are made by the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, the Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP.

Mr Gavel said “All are dedicated to making a difference and achieving the vision of *vibrant communities and healthy landscapes*.”

The Board must have a strong connection to the catchment, understand natural resource management issues and strive towards achieving on the ground outcomes for a better future.”

“We value the strength of our catchment’s diverse communities. This diversity also needs to be reflected in our Board Members to continue engaging and working with all communities to conserve; improve; and manage our natural and cultural resources.

“We are proud of the CMA achievements to date. Since 2004 we have delivered nearly 2000 individual on ground projects, developed strong partnerships with land managers and communities and are keen to embrace the challenges ahead,” Mr Gavel concluded.

More information on the Central West CMA can be found by visiting the website:
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