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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **National Trust appoints new CEO**

National Trust of Australia (WA) Chairman Michael Murray today announced the appointment of Julian Donaldson to the top job of the longstanding Western Australian heritage agency.

“I am delighted to announce Julian Donaldson has agreed to accept our offer of appointment to this important leadership role for a five year term,” Mr Murray said.

Mr Donaldson has had a long association with the highly successful Perth International Arts Festival as General Manager and has been instrumental over a decade in delivering to Perth audiences, a captivating line-up of leading international performances.

“His entrepreneurial and leadership skills are well demonstrated in this capacity and I am sure he will find The Giants hard to top in his new role as the CEO of the Trust. We look forward to the Trust being the beneficiary of his undoubted vision and management skills,” he said.

Mr Donaldson said it was a privilege to be appointed to the position and he looked forward to the role with a great deal of excitement, enthusiasm and admiration for the wonderful work the Trust does.

“I look forward to working with the Council, staff, members and the broader community in tackling the important priorities of increasing the commitment of stakeholders for heritage projects and programs and in working to increase the resource to meet capital and recurrent investment for heritage projects, programs and the maintenance of places,” Mr Donaldson said.

Mr Donaldson replaces long serving CEO, Tom Perrigo who led the Trust through enormous organisational transformation during 25 years at the helm and retired at the close of 2015.

The Trust recently marked its admiration and gratitude for Tom Perrigo’s outstanding service by the award of only the third National Trust Fellowship in the history of the National Trust in WA.

“We are, however fortunate to have secured his continuing service to the Trust over the next few years, as a special projects consultant, and we look forward to receiving the benefit of his service in this new way.”

Julian Donaldson will commence in his new position of CEO at the National Trust of Australia (WA) on the 18 January.

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