



**Troy Grant**  
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### **GLOVER TO LEAD MAAS TRUST**

Vice-Chancellor of Western Sydney University Professor Barney Glover has been appointed President of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS) Trust and will play a pivotal role in the Powerhouse Museum's relocation to Parramatta.

Robotics and intelligence systems research and development expert Professor Salah Sukkarieh is also a new member of the trust, and has been involved with MAAS through the successful Mars Lab project.

Deputy Premier and Minister for the Arts Troy Grant said the appointments come as the museum undergoes a once-in-a-generation renewal and relocation to Western Sydney.

"Professor Glover knows and works in Western Sydney and has a long record of success in management and leadership in research and major capital development projects," Mr Grant said.

Professor Glover said he looks forward to leading the board after being a trust member since January 2015.

"I'm particularly excited about working with the Museum team as we plan one of the most significant cultural infrastructure projects of recent times in the heart of Western Sydney," Professor Glover said.

MAAS Director Dolla Merrillees welcomed Professor Glover's Presidency as well as Professor Sukkarieh's appointment to the Trust and said she looks forward to building the Museum's relationship with them both.

Deputy Premier Grant thanked outgoing President Professor John Shine AO for his dedicated service to the trust.

"Professor Shine has been an exceptional president and since taking the post more than four years ago, has taken the Museum in an exciting new direction and a period of growth," Mr Grant said.

Professor Shine said it was a privilege to serve as the President of the MAAS Board of Trustees throughout a period of immense change and growth for MAAS.

"I congratulate Professor Glover and with the newly appointed Director Dolla Merrillees at the helm I look forward to following the success of this team as they continue to build audiences, ongoing programs and a new museum in Parramatta," Professor Shine said.

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