

Media Release

The Hon Martin Pakula MP

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NEW CHAIR APPOINTED FOR STATE SPORT CENTRES TRUST

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula today announced the appointment of finance expert Chris Jackson as the incoming chair of the State Sport Centres Trust.

The Trust is responsible for governing the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), the State Netball Hockey Centre and Lakeside Stadium.

Mr Jackson is the founder of Accurate Financial Consultants Pty Ltd, an established tax consulting firm with clients in Australia and overseas. Mr Jackson has wide experience across the finance sector, including serving as the chair of Private Banking Service, a franchise of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

Mr Jackson will replace Brett Moore as Trust chair from 1 September, for a term of three years.

Mr Pakula also announced the appointment of former Victorian senator Michael Ronaldson as a member of the Trust.

Mr Ronaldson has more than 40 years of experience in the legal profession, corporate governance and government and was a partner at Ramsay, Gaunt and Fraser before serving in the Senate from 2004 to 2016. His ministerial appointments included Special Minister of State, Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC.

Mr Pakula thanked Mr Moore for his 10 years of service to the Trust, including his role in executing the Government's \$64.6 million State Netball and Hockey Centre redevelopment.

The redevelopment works are well under way and will cement Parkville as the home for netball and hockey in Australia with six new indoor netball courts replacing the existing outdoor courts, a new indoor hockey facility and a high-performance strength and conditioning gym.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula

"Chris Jackson and Michael Ronaldson bring vast amounts of financial and legal expertise to the State Sport Centres Trust."

"I congratulate them both on their appointments and thank Brett Moore for his service over a decade as chair and member of the Trust."

Quotes attributable to State Sport Centres Trust incoming chair Chris Jackson

"I'm honored to have been given the opportunity to lead one of our state's most respected sporting organisations."

"It's a challenging time for the Trust and all Victorians and I look forward to making a positive contribution to ensure a bright future for our centres and our patrons."