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New appointees for GSDC Board

Albany Noongar elder Vernice Gillies and Australia Post's Annie Roberts have joined the Board of the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) as community representatives.

Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan announced the new appointments recently.

Vernice Gillies is part of Kurrah Mia, an Aboriginal-owned tour and retail business in Albany.

Her previous roles include Aboriginal Learning and Community Liaison Officer with the Museum of the Great Southern and case work manager for the Department of Child Protection and Family Services.

She has served on committees including the Aboriginal Heritage Reference Group, the South Coast Natural Resource Management Heritage Committee and the WA Aboriginal Justice Committee.

Annie Roberts is the Postal Manager, Regional and Rural Post Office Network.

Through Australia Post, Ms Roberts has taken up roles as a small business champion, community advocate and supporter of traineeships for diversity and Aboriginal students.

GSDC Chair Ross Thornton welcomed the appointments and said he looked forward to having Ms Gillies and Ms Roberts on the Board.

"The GSDC continues to lead the economic and social development of the Great Southern and Ms Gillies and Ms Roberts will contribute to that aim by bringing valuable insights to the Board," Mr Thornton said.



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Mr Thornton thanked departing members Dennis Wellington and Margaret Gorman for their dedication to the work of the Board.

Mr Wellington and Ms Gorman each served two three-year terms on the GSDC Board as community members.

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