



### ***REIA elects new president***

The Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) has welcomed the election of a new President, Adrian Kelly from Tasmania.

Mr Kelly was elected as the 45<sup>th</sup> President of REIA, the national professional association for Australia's real estate sector at the Annual General Meeting held in Canberra yesterday (13 December), effective immediately. Hayden Groves from Western Australia was re-elected Deputy President for another 12 months.

Adrian was born and raised in Hobart and has worked in the Tasmanian real estate industry since 1990. He is the founder and CEO of View Real Estate, an independent agency comprising seven sales and property management offices across Tasmania. Adrian's real estate experience includes residential sales, property management and commercial sales including hotels and motels. He is also an accomplished auctioneer having spent a number of years as a full-time auctioneer within his own business specialising in plant and equipment and asset sales for local councils, finance companies among others.

Adrian is a licensed Estate Agent, Board Member of the Real Estate Institute of Tasmania (REIT) as well as the immediate past President of the REIT having served in that role for four years. He also sits on the Property Agents Board which is the regulatory authority in Tasmania and is an Associate of the REIA. He is the seventh President to be elected from Tasmania and the first since Peter Bushby who served from 2012 to 2014.

In accepting the role, Mr Kelly thanked out-going President, Malcolm Gunning, from New South Wales, who has held the position for two years.

"Malcolm has provided excellent stewardship of the organisation since 2016 and during that time he has achieved much in ensuring that our members have a strong national voice," Mr Kelly said.

"On behalf of the REIA Board and the REIA Secretariat, we extend our sincere thanks to Malcolm for his professionalism and commitment to the role during his tenure."

Mr Kelly said next year will be an equally important one for the sector with the upcoming Federal Election and the public debate continuing on taxation of housing and affordability.

"REIA will continue to be a strong advocate for the retention of negative gearing, will continue to lobby for taxation reform at all levels and for the appointment of a dedicated Minister for Property Services," Mr Kelly said.

**The Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) is the national professional association for real estate agents in Australia. For further information or to interview REIA President Adrian Kelly please contact Helen Hull at [media@reia.com.au](mailto:media@reia.com.au) or 0419 642 961.**