

MEDIA RELEASE

New faces of design in Queensland

The Design Institute of Australia (DIA) Queensland Branch has a couple of new faces at its helm looking to shake things up a little.

After four very successful years at the helm of the DIA, Robert Geddes recently stepped down to make way for new leadership.

In a first for the DIA in Queensland, the State's leading design association has two co-presidents in the form of Dr Dianne Smith and Natalie Wright.

Both very experienced Interior Design professionals, the co-presidents will work together to further the aims of the DIA in supporting and growing the design industry in Queensland.

Dr Dianne Smith is senior lecturer at the Queensland University of Technology and co-ordinator of the post-graduate and undergraduate Interior Design programs. Dr Smith's academic background also includes teaching colour and design at the Queensland College of Art and a range of design-related disciplines at the Queensland University of Technology.

She is an invited speaker in the areas of design and colour and has a strong interest in design in relation to community service.

Natalie Wright is an Interior Designer currently working for Fairweather Proberts Architects in Brisbane. She has over 17 years experience in the design and delivery of a range of hotel, leisure, retail, residential and commercial interior design projects, both within Australia and internationally.

Wright won numerous awards for Residential Interior Design while Associate Director/Interior Design Manager at Mirvac Design from 2000 – 2005. A Queensland University of Technology (QUT) graduate, she also retains strong ties in the education sector, lecturing and tutoring in Interior Design at both QUT and Southbank Institute of Technology.

Both co-presidents have served on the DIA Queensland Council for a number of years and will now also serve on the DIA National Council providing a voice for Queensland design.

Dr Dianne Smith and Natalie Wright are available for photo opportunities and interviews.

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