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New Directors Join Parking Australia Board

Parking Australia, the national body representing the interests of the parking industry in Australia, last week elected two new directors to join the board at the inaugural AGM of the new entity.

President Cristina Lynn delivered a comprehensive report outlining the evolution of the association from its early beginnings in 1986 through to its incorporation, culminating in a new company limited by guarantee under the leadership of Chief Executive Lorraine Duffy.

The new directors, Neal Smylie from Secure Parking and Glenn Williams from InterPark, have joined the board during a significant period for Parking Australia. The association is preparing to host their inaugural Outlook Conference and Industry Awards for Excellence later in 2015, in addition to rolling out a Code of Practice and Accreditation Scheme for industry operators which is designed to encourage best practice across the industry.

Neal Smylie is Chief Operating Officer at Secure Parking and oversees all aspects of Secure Parking's operations in Australia, New Zealand and UK from strategy, to customer service, technology, operations, control room services, marketing, finance, vendor relations and audit. Neal brings a range of experiences and perspectives to the role of director, and he was integral in the development of Secure Parking's Traffic Management Service, which included Australia's first Code of Practice governing the manner in which infringement services are provided.

Glenn Williams is the Victorian State Manager and Chief Financial Officer at InterPark Australia and has worked with the directors of InterPark to set up and grow the company. Glenn has a hands on role in the financial management of the company and the building of customer and client relationships. To the role of Parking Australia director Glenn brings his accomplished skillset which includes contract management, negotiation, business strategy, due diligence, contract negotiation, and business planning & financial analysis.

Announcing the results at one of the closest elections in the history of the association, President Cristina Lynn welcomed both Neal and Glenn: "Their extensive experience across a wide range of areas will be an absolute asset to the board of directors as we oversee the delivery of an ambitious strategic plan made up five key objectives. Parking Australia has experienced significant developments over the last 18 months and I am sure that this will continue with the added support and expertise of our new directors."

The new directors join Parking Australia's established board: Cristina Lynn (President), Anthony Karam (Vice President), Mat Clee, Joy Addison, Graham Arndt, Doug Forster and Larry Schneider who has been co-opted for a fixed period to assist with some major projects.

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