

# New Board members to bring SME expertise to Alliance

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The Water Industry Alliance Annual General Meeting saw the election of the 2017-2018 Board members, which included the appointment of two new members from the small-to-medium enterprise sector.

David Hart, CEO of Dematec Automation, and Andrew Tefer, Managing Director of Australian Water Environments, have joined the Alliance Board for the first time, joining the re-elected candidates:

- Robran Cock, Regional Operations Manager, TRILITY
- Mark Henderson, Director, Kain Lawyers
- Lionel Ho, Asset Delivery & Client Liaison Manager, Allwater (Principal Member)
- Jim McGuire, General Manager – Strategy, Performance & Innovation, SA Water (Principal Member)
- Karen Rouse, Chief Executive Officer, Water Research Australia
- Steve Morton, Manager – International Business, DEWNR (Principal Member)
- Darren Gibbons, National Sales Manager, RPC Pipe Systems (Principal Member)

Water Industry Alliance CEO Rachel Barratt said David and Andrew will bring a perspective of small-to-medium businesses that are active in South Australia – striking an important balance of expertise on the Board.

“Dematec Automation and Australian Water Environments are two companies that are well and truly embedded in the water industry,” she said. “David and Andrew will bring their experience of the challenges of running a small business in the water industry and complement the diverse skills that we have around the Board.

“On behalf of the Alliance I would like to welcome them both, as well as our returning Board members.”

The AGM also saw the departure of longstanding Board member Tim Waterhouse, as well as Alister Walsh.

“Tim Waterhouse has been a driving force behind the Water Industry Alliance for well over a decade,” Rachel said. “Sentek was one of the founding members of the Alliance and his involvement as a member of the Board and a previous Chair has been instrumental in guiding the organisation.

“Tim’s knowledge has been hugely valued and appreciated, and he will leave a lasting legacy. We hope to continue having an ongoing involvement with Tim as he moves into retirement.

“The Water Industry Alliance would like to thank both Tim and Alister for dedicating their time to serving on the Board. We are sincerely grateful for their professional and personal commitment and contribution and wish them all the very best for the future.”

You can view the Board members' profiles and the Water Industry Alliance Annual Report.