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Changes for GSDC Board

Katanning farmer and businessman Peter Rundle has resigned from his position as Chair of the GSDC Board, effective as of 1 April, 2016.

Mr Rundle has served on the Board since 2009, first as a Board member and subsequently as Chair.

Mr Rundle's resignation as Board Chair follows his recent pre-selection as a National Party candidate for the seat of Roe.

Deputy Chair Ross Thornton will be the Acting Chair of the Board pending the appointment of a new Chair.

GSDC CEO Bruce Manning said the Commission had benefited greatly from Mr Rundle's time as Chair of the Board.

"Peter's terms as Chair covered the introduction and implementation of the Royalties for Regions program and the development of the *Great Southern Regional Investment Blueprint*," Mr Manning said.

"His leadership and contributions, particularly from the perspective of his membership of the WA Regional Development Trust, are well appreciated."

Kojonup Shire President Ronnie Fleay has been appointed to the GSDC Board.

Regional Development Minister Terry Redman approved Cr Fleay's appointment as a local government representative in March. Her Board term will expire on 30 June 2019.

Cr Fleay was elected President of the Shire of Kojonup in November 2013. She was formerly the President of the Shire of Exmouth.

Cr Fleay is a member of the Western Australian Planning Commission and her experience includes chairing the Board of the Gascoyne Development Commission.

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