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## JOHN TURNER REAPPOINTED AS CHAIR OF RDA HUNTER

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The Australian Government is supporting regional development in the Hunter region with a new four and a half year funding agreement with Regional Development Australia (RDA) Hunter.

With the new funding agreement announced the Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories, the Hon. Nola Marino MP, has finalised appointments of Chairs of RDA Committees across Australia.

“I am pleased to announce the reappointment of John Turner to 30 June 2025. Mr. Turner has provided strong leadership for RDA Hunter during his time as Chair, having successfully steered the committee through the challenges of 2020 and, along with the members and staff, provided great support for the region’s business community and future economic development,” Ms. Marino said.

Mr. Turner will lead RDA Hunter under a refreshed charter that focuses their role on driving investment and local procurement opportunities and through this, creating jobs and economic growth for the Hunter.

“I thank the Assistant Minister for the reappointment as Chair for RDA Hunter and I very much look forward to leading the RDA Hunter team under the new Charter and across our various Skilled Workforce Initiative and projects,” said Mr. Turner.

RDA Hunter will continue to deliver the ground-breaking ME Program, supported by the Department of Defence, linking Defence Industry and Hunter students to build an industry-skilled, homegrown Hunter workforce.

Under the new charter, RDA Hunter will progress the coordination of MedTeCHH, the medical technology and pharmaceutical industry network across the Hunter and Central Coast regions, in partnership with AiGroup and RDA Central Coast.

The RDA Committee and staff look forward to the leadership Mr. Turner will bring over the coming years and encourage the community to reach out to RDA Hunter to discuss how it can help business succeed.

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