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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Committee for Ballarat elects new board member**

Mr Graeme Dixon has been elected as the 17<sup>th</sup> Committee for Ballarat board member. His nomination was received from Tony Stone, Managing Director of FMP group and approved at the Committee's December board meeting. Graeme brings to the committee substantial experience in the roles of Finance Director / Controller and Company Secretary in Australian and Asian Manufacturing environments.

#### **Quote from Tony Stone on Graeme and why he has nominated him, strategic importance to the Committee.**

Graeme is currently the Company Secretary for FMP Group based in Ballarat, and has sound technical skills in the areas of strategic planning, treasury, insurance, reporting, statutory requirements, information technology, acquisitions, divestments and business restructuring which is supported by a solid understanding of both publicly and privately owned businesses.

#### **Quote from Graeme – what he hopes to bring to the Committee for Ballarat – why he is happy to join the board**

Each Executive member of the Committee for Ballarat is able to nominate one board member, there is currently still 2 vacancies on the board. The Committee for Ballarat board meets regularly to discuss and plan projects which will enhance the future prosperity of the Ballarat region. Task Teams are utilised to drive its project specific objectives. The Committee for Ballarat are currently addressing 5 PSO's; they are Leadership Ballarat and Western Region, Ballarat's Key Entrances, Lake Blitz, Ballaratjobs.com and Fast Rail Phase 2.

"The strength of the Committee for Ballarat lies in having a diverse and experienced board and a mix of members representative of a variety of industry sectors and community groups," Mr Noel Coxall, Chair Committee for Ballarat said. "We are delighted to welcome Graeme to the board and look forward to his positive contribution to the Committee's projects."

**- FURTHER INFORMATION -**

**Committee for Ballarat**

The Committee for Ballarat has been adapted from the best of the Committee for Melbourne & the Committee for Geelong in its structure. However the Committee for Ballarat has a unique Ballarat blend of Project Specific Objectives (PSO)

The Committee for Ballarat aims to transform the city in a positive, strategic and consultative way that is beneficial for the entire community, and where appropriate drawing on the Ballarat 2030 Blue Print document.

The Committee for Ballarat will focus on the big picture, challenge traditional and restrictive thinking, and champion issues to make Ballarat more successful.

**Membership**

The Committee for Ballarat executive and board is representative of those who have risen to the top of their business field and those aspiring to rise to leadership roles within the community. They possess high leadership qualities and have an obvious passion for Ballarat and region and a strong commitment to Ballarat's long-term future.

Committee for Ballarat Members can be seen at [www.committeeforballarat.com](http://www.committeeforballarat.com)

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