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Lynne Landy to Chair new VCA Advisory Board

Professor Andrea Hull AO, Director and Dean of the Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts, University of Melbourne, has welcomed the appointment of Mrs Lynne Landy as Chairperson of the VCA's new Advisory Board.

A former journalist and magazine editor, **Lynne Landy** is well known to Victorians as the wife of John Landy who was Governor of Victoria from 2000-2006. During this period Mrs Landy was an enthusiastic supporter of all aspects of the arts community. Mrs Landy is the Founding Patron of Greatconnections, an inspiring organisation which connects experienced, professional volunteers with not-for-profit organisations in need of help.

As Chairperson of the VCA Advisory Board, Mrs Landy brings invaluable community, business and life-experience to the VCA. "This is an exciting challenge, helping to guide the VCA through its recent amalgamation with the University of Melbourne. Of vital importance is for the VCA to retain its unique identity within the new academic framework," she said.

Professor Hull said the VCA is delighted Mrs Landy has accepted the appointment. "Her background, wide spectrum of interests and networks are great assets for this new role. We also take this opportunity to thank Mr Ian McRae for his outstanding contribution to the VCA, as the outgoing Council President."

On January 1, 2007 the Victorian College of the Arts became a faculty of the University of Melbourne. In 2006, Mrs Landy was appointed to the new VCA Advisory Board for a three-year appointment and as its Chairperson for two years, 2007 and 2008. The VCA Advisory Board replaces the former VCA Council and was established to provide advice and support to the VCA Director and Dean, in relation to:

- strategic policy development and contribution in relation to the VCA's education and training, research, commercial and community relations programs and directions
- arts sector and community needs for new and existing courses offered by the VCA
- promoting the programs of the VCA within the arts sector and wider community
- the development of the VCA's reputation and financial benefaction

The VCA Advisory Board comprises members who possess outstanding expertise in the fields serviced by the VCA including arts professions, the arts community, outstanding practising artists and members who are leaders in the corporate and community sectors.

Lynne Landy was born and educated in the U.K. Following six years working in the textile industry in New York as Fashion/Fabric Coordinator for Eastman Chemical (the Fibres Division of Eastman Kodak), she accepted the offer of a job in Melbourne where she met and married John.

Following the birth of two children, Lynne worked as a journalist, firstly as a columnist for the Herald & Weekly Times, then with Home Beautiful magazine, and for 10 years as Melbourne Editor for Australian Country Style magazine. When in 2000 John Landy was appointed Governor of Victoria, Lynne Landy resigned from her full time job.

Lynne Landy founded Greatconnections in November 2005.

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