



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

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NEW CHAIR FOR SYDNEY CRICKET AND SPORTS GROUND TRUST

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell and Minister for Sport and Recreation Gabrielle Upton today announced Tony Shepherd AO would be nominated as the new Chair of the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, following the resignation of Rodney Cavalier AO.

Mr Shepherd has served as a Trustee since 2002 and was appointed Deputy Chairman last year. It's only logical he moves into the role as Chairman.

Rod McGeoch AO, who has been a Trustee since 1998, will become Deputy Chair.

"Tony and Rod are two of Australia's most respected businesspeople with high level sports experience," Mr O'Farrell said.

"On behalf of the NSW community, I thank Rodney Cavalier for his contribution over 13 years as Chairman and 18 years as Trustee. Rodney was re-appointed as Chair last year and I wholeheartedly agree with his assessment that 'it's been a good innings'.

"During his stewardship, Mr Cavalier has overseen a transformation of the Sydney Cricket Ground with two new stands and facilities for spectators, as well as new sculptures honouring ten legends of the sports played in the precinct.

"It's an exciting time for the Sydney Cricket Ground and Allianz Stadium, as we look forward to more blockbuster NRL, AFL, A-League and Super 15 matches this football season, followed by a bumper summer of cricket with the New Year's Test against India culminating with the quarter and semi-finals of the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2015," Mr O'Farrell said.

Ms Upton said Rodney's departure is a loss for the Trust because of his unrivalled passion for cricket and the SCG.

"However, we are very lucky to have someone of Tony Shepherd's calibre being available to carry on his good work," Ms Upton said.

Mr Cavalier was appointed to the Library Council of NSW for a three year term effective from 1 January 2013.