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CAN WA's Managing Director elected to new WA Chamber of Arts and Culture

CAN WA's Managing Director, Pilar Kasat is one of seven members elected to the newly launched Chamber of Arts and Culture WA. Its Chairman-Elect and Rio Tinto Iron Ore Chief Executive, Sam Walsh AO launched the new Chamber yesterday at His Majesty's Theatre with over 100 arts and culture sector representatives in attendance.

The Chamber of Arts and Culture WA, the first of its kind in Australia, replaces the WA Arts Federation as a united voice of arts, business and community leaders to promote, advocate and represent the value of a vibrant and sustainable arts and cultural sector in Western Australia at a time of significant economic growth.

'I am honoured to be elected alongside prominent leaders in the arts and culture sector.' said Pilar Kasat, Managing Director of CAN WA. 'This is a fantastic opportunity to represent and put forward the interests of community arts and cultural development in WA.' she said.

The Board members for the Chamber include arts advocate Janet Holmes a Court AC, John Langoulant AO, former WA Art Gallery Chair, Helen Cook and arts expert Margaret Sears AO. The members will be joined by the following key arts contributors: Jude van der Merwe, Jane King, Mark Bin Bakar, Cathcart Weatherly, Graeme Sward and Barry Strickland.

About Community Arts Network WA

Community Arts Network Western Australia is the peak body for community arts and cultural development in WA. We facilitate community arts and culture funding, advocacy, youth arts and nationally recognised training programs for community wellbeing. Our two Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Development Units in Kellerberrin and Narrogin engage Aboriginal communities in self-determined arts and cultural activities to contribute to the cultural, social and economic vitality and sustainability of these communities.

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