



Current status

Now that Stadiums Tasmania has been established as a new statutory authority its leadership can be appointed - starting with the Chairperson and board.

The Transfer Bill was passed earlier in November, which means the initial stadium transfers can start to be negotiated and clearer timeframes set.

Chair appointed

Mr Michael Malouf AM has been appointed as the inaugural Chair of the Stadiums Tasmania Board.

Mr Malouf's extensive experience and previous roles will equip him well to lead and fully establish the new authority. He is an accomplished and highly respected professional with 30-years' executive experience in the public and private sectors, in board, governance, and CEO positions.

Notably, Mr Malouf was the Chair and a Trustee of the Kardinia Park Stadium Trust (including GMHBA Stadium) and CEO of the Carlton Football Club. He has extensive infrastructure experience heading up VicRoads, and involvement with the Southern Rural Water Board and its Deputy Chair, Barwon Water, the Western Victoria Primary Health Network, in local government and as a Director of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the Regent Theatre.

In 2020 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for his service to the community.

This appointment follows a national recruitment process led by SRI Executive for the Tasmanian Government. The appointment of the remaining Board members and the recruitment process for its inaugural Chief Executive are both expected to progress early in the new year.

Mr Malouf is *'honoured to be appointed as the inaugural Chair of Stadiums Tasmania and look forward to getting down to work. The new authority provides an incredible foundation to make a big difference to how and what can be staged and showcased in Tasmania, be it major sports, concerts or other cultural or community events.'*

Legislative framework

Stadiums Tasmania was established as a new statutory authority, following the official commencement of the *Stadiums Tasmania Act 2022* on 25 May 2022. Since then, the Tasmanian Parliament passed the *Stadiums Tasmania Amendment (Transfers) Bill 2022* on 16 November 2022.

The Transfers Bill amending the Act, provides the process for stadium assets, liabilities, contracts, and employees to be transferred to and from the Authority. It also enables the Authority's future employees to be employed under the Australian Fair Work system.

The amended Act is available at - www.thelaw.tas.gov.au - if you search for 'Stadiums Tasmania'.

Next steps and timeframes

We have reached a milestone with the passing of the Transfer Bill and with the appointment of the inaugural Chair. Now we can progress the recruitment of the Authority's leadership.

Recruitment of other board members is underway. Once the board has been appointed, the process of recruiting the Chief Executive Officer can start and head office staff appointed.

Until the board and senior management is in place Infrastructure Tasmania will continue to help it prepare MyState Bank Arena, the Silverdome and UTAS Stadium for transfer.

These three stadiums are expected to transfer during 2023, however, before that can happen there is still work to be negotiated and confirmed before the transfer can be agreed.

The potential transfer of Blundstone Arena and Dial Park will be considered later in 2023.

Further information

During this time each stadium will continue to operate as usual. For information about the operations of a specific stadium, please contact that stadium's management.

For information on Stadiums Tasmania go to - www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/infrastructure_tasmania or contact the project team via email at - stadiums@stategrowth.tas.gov.au



Michael Malouf AM

Michael has commenced his induction to his position as the inaugural Chairperson of Stadiums Tasmania and is looking forward to being able to view the stadiums proposed to be transferred to the Authority and start meeting with key stakeholders in the New Year.