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Australia Council welcomes Dr Georgie McClean as Executive Director for Development and Strategic Partnerships

Dr Georgie McClean joins the Australia Council with more than 20 years' experience in policy, research and partnerships in key creative organisations and institutions.

Dr McClean held senior leadership roles at the Australian Film Radio and Television School, Screen Australia and SBS Television. She is currently Director of The Gist, a consulting agency for creative organisations.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the Australia Council for the Arts to help realise the potential of Australia's extraordinary creativity. As we continue to grapple with disruptions to the ways we live and work, I believe arts and culture can bring immeasurable benefits to us all - supporting our wellbeing, our social connections, our productivity, our engagement with learning and our place in the world. I look forward to working with the inspiring range of ideas, talents and approaches in the creative sectors - and beyond - to generate great outcomes for all Australians," Dr McClean said.

Georgie McClean has extensive relationships across our creative and cultural industries and is currently a member of the Board of Diversity Arts Australia and is a member of the Advisory Board for the Digital Media Research Centre at QUT.

Australia Council CEO Adrian Collette AM said:

"We are delighted to welcome Georgie to the Council and Executive team. Georgie's appointment comes at both a challenging and pivotal time for the Australia Council and our cultural and creative industries. An important focus for Georgie's role will be the cultivation of new strategic industry partnerships including not-for-profit, commercial and philanthropic partners that support our public value objectives and deliver strong outcomes for artists, cultural organisations and the broader Australian community.

"Supported by our powerful research capabilities and strong industry knowledge and networks, I am confident Georgie will make a significant contribution to advancing our advocacy, development and strategic partnership objectives."

Dr McClean will commence at the Australia Council in September.

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