



# **Daryl Maguire MP**

*Member for Wagga Wagga*

## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

### **MAGUIRE ELECTED TO HEAD NSW PARLIAMENT'S 'ASIA PACIFIC GROUP'**

The NSW Parliament's Asia Pacific Group yesterday elected a new executive for the next 4 years of the Parliament session.

Member for Wagga Wagga, Daryl Maguire was elected Chairman of the group.

The Asia Pacific Friendship Group was formed in 2008 to provide and foster stronger trade, economic security and bilateral links with our Asia Pacific neighbours.

Yesterday's meeting was attended by Consuls and Consuls-General from China, Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, Fiji, Samoa, Mongolia and Thailand.

Earlier, Mr Maguire met with the Consul General for India together with the Speaker of the NSW Parliament to discuss opportunities for trade and investment.

The Asia Pacific Group supports charitable organisations in Timor and Bali and co-sponsors *Eyes on China*, a non-profit organisation based in Australia which raises funds to treat cataract affected people in the remote areas of China.

The Asia Pacific Group hold regular trade and investment forums in Parliament which allows the smaller Pacific nations a stage to showcase their nation and promote specific projects.

Mr Maguire said he was delighted to have been elected Chairman of the group and to have the opportunity to promote NSW to our Asian neighbours.

Mr Maguire will lead his first business delegation as Chairman of the APFG to China in July visiting Beijing, Shenyang and Shanghai.

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