

## CV

### **Dr Kevin Fewster CBE AM FRSA**

Dr Kevin Fewster is a leading international figure in maritime and history museums and maritime heritage. From 2007-2019 he was the Director of Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG), the world's largest and most visited maritime museum precinct. Comprising the National Maritime Museum, the Royal Observatory, the historic clipper ship *Cutty Sark*, the beautiful early 17<sup>th</sup> century Queen's House, the Caird Library and the Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre, RMG (pre Covid) attracted 2.7 million visitors each year to its venues in the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site.

Flowing from his thirty-five year career as Director of major museums in UK and Australia, Kevin has contact networks at the highest level across museums worldwide, especially in UK, USA, China, Europe and Australasia. During his Australian-based career he chaired the Council of Australasian Museum Directors (2004-7) and the Darling Harbour Business Association Maritime (2000-2). In the UK he led the Greenwich World Heritage Site Executive (2010-14), the UK Maritime Heritage Forum (2009-19), was a member of the UK National Museums Directors' Council (2007-19) and a company director of the Visit Greenwich Destination Management Company (2014-19). He sat on Mystic Seaport Museum's International Advisory Board 2013-18.

In 2017-18 Kevin led a high-profile international campaign trying to save the collection of 5000 objects recovered from the debris field surrounding the RMS *Titanic* wrecksite. This collection was at risk due to the bankruptcy of the commercial salvor which had raised the objects from the Atlantic Ocean floor.

Before moving to Britain Kevin had been the founding Director of the South Australian Maritime Museum (winner of Australian national tourism and national museum of the year awards) and the Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney. He was also Director of Sydney's Powerhouse Museum (then the largest museum in Australia) 2000-2007. He was closely involved with the 2000 Sydney Olympics and the 2012 London Olympics as his museums provided official venues for both these Games.

Perhaps uniquely, Kevin has been awarded a British CBE and made a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of his services to museums and maritime history. He is a Life Fellow of the International Congress of Maritime Museums (the world peak body in its sector) in recognition of his 30+ years of service to ICMM and his being the only person to serve two terms as ICMM President. Kevin was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters by the University of Greenwich in 2016, is a Younger Brother of Trinity House (the world's oldest lighthouse organisation), a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights and a Freeman of the City of London. He is currently a board member of The Mariners' Museum in Newport News VA, USA and Patron of Melbourne's Friends of Gallipoli Inc.

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