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Rée Izett

We are deeply saddened to inform Members of the passing of Rée Izett, a highly respected arts communication strategist and industry colleague. She was surrounded by her family and passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.

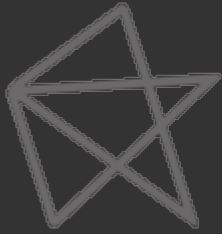
Since 1991 Rée managed her own PR Company, consulting various high profile arts and entertainment clients including Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne Recital Centre and Victorian Opera. She worked across many areas of the live performance industry in both Australia and New Zealand, her homeland. She successfully delivered more than 100 Public Relations projects, most notably working with the Melbourne Festival, Adelaide Festival, Australian Academy of Music, Melbourne International Jazz Festival, Melbourne International Film Festival and the Victorian Design Awards.

In 2009 she extended her expertise to government working as the Senior Adviser to the Victorian Minister for the Arts. Most recently, Rée worked as the Director, Corporate Communications at Arts Centre Melbourne where she planned and delivered the highly successful government stakeholder and media strategy for the Hamer Hall redevelopment. She was a peer reviewer on the 2011 Australia Council Visual Arts Board Key Organisations Review and was also appointed to the first permanent board of the St Kilda Tourism Association. She was most recently Head of Communications at MTC.

Rée was a huge supporter of LPA and the Helpmann Awards, and was always prepared to go the extra mile where she could. We are forever grateful for her willingness to work with us and for her professional, 'let's get it done' approach, tempered with her wonderful sense of humour.

She was a lovely, intelligent woman with enormous strength, style and grace. She will be greatly missed.

We extend our sincerest condolences to Max: Rée's sister, her family, friends and colleagues.



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