Weigh's company takes over Red Centre resort

A Queensland firm part-owned by the NT Tourist Commission interim chairman has taken over management of the Red Centre Resort at Alice Springs.

Jeff Weigh's company Taylor Byrne replaced the All Seasons as the Red Centre Resort's management company last week.

A spokesman for the resort's holding company Raymag Security said the decision to put Taylor Byrne in the pilot's seat was "purely commercial".

"Taylor Byrne is a very old, established and respected consultancy company in Queensland," Raymag Security chairman Grant McGinniss said.

Inherited

"We've had a long association with Taylor Byrne over the years," Raymag Security inherited All Seasons as the resort's management company when it took over ownership two and a half years ago.

The All Seasons' Red Centre Resort manager Wayne Munns has been replaced by Taylor Byrne's Mal McArdle.

Jeff Weigh is one of eight Taylor Byrne directors.

The chairman is the Australian Tourism Industry Association chairman and former Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation chief Sir Frank Moore.

Mr Weigh could not be contacted for comment. But a recent article in Queensland Business magazine said Taylor Byrne's tourism division was set up two years ago by Weigh and Sir Frank.

While the division mainly engaged in consultancy it also managed resorts such as the Outrigger in Queensland and would like to become more involved in management.

The report also stated Taylor Byrne had conducted a survey of tourism in the NT and saw Queensland, Western Australia and the Territory as "its natural areas of operation".

Mr Weigh assisted tourism consultant Jim Kennedy in his controversial review of the NTTC.