

## Media release

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### “Coaster” elected to CPA Tasmania Divisional Council

Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) Director Strategic Services and co-founder of The Coasters, has been elected to CPA Australia's Tasmanian Divisional Council. Results of the election were announced by CPA Australia today.

Prior to working for CCA, Ms Smith worked in accounting and people management in the resources sector, and in 2018 received CPA Australia's Tasmanian Divisional President's Award for Excellence (Young Leader).

The Tasmanian Division of CPA Australia and CCA already have a good relationship, working together to support The Coasters, which is a network that supports career development for young people across the region.

“We have a really great team of people here at CCA, and it's no surprise to me when they are recognised by their peers and the community” said Mr Connelly. “Claire and the rest of the team are not only great ambassadors for our business, but also for local government and the region” he said.

Ms Smith said “Members are elected by members, to serve members and I'm thrilled to have been elected. I'm passionate about the role CPAs can play in shaping Tasmania's future, especially in regional areas faced with significant economic challenges and opportunities. I have a strong interest in increasing the visibility, confidence and influence of CPAs as public administration professionals.”

The Divisional Council supports CPA Australia's Board in three key areas; being the public face of CPA Australia in Tasmania, championing relevant issues and advocating on behalf of the organisation. The initial appointment is for a three-year term.

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