

Media release

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Cradle Coast Authority welcomes experienced aquaculture leader

Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) has appointed a new manager to oversee Natural Resource Management in the region.

Scottish born Mike Thomson, has more than 30 years of global experience in the aquaculture industry, spanning research and development, aquaculture tech and fish farm operations. He has worked in Scotland, Ireland, Norway, South Australia and New Zealand, and moved to Tasmania with his wife and family in 2012, taking on a role with Petuna. Mr Thomson holds a Master of Science and has represented the aquaculture industry in a number of international forums.

CCA CEO, Daryl Connelly said Mr Thomson's extensive global private sector experience brought something new to the CCA team.

"Greater integration between our natural resource management and economic development work, is a key feature of the strategic direction we set last year. Mike's skills and experience are perfectly aligned with that and stood him apart in a strong field of applicants from across the country".

Mr Thomson and his family live at Port Sorrell.

"We are lucky to live and work in such a bountiful place. I have been offered the most wonderful opportunity to learn more about the unique and beautiful land and sea scapes of the Cradle Coast region, and I look forward to working with the CCA team, our partners and the wider community on how best to manage these precious resources" said Mr Thomson.

Mr Connelly acknowledged the contribution of Spencer Gibbs, who has done a great job in the role since 2017 and is taking on another important role within the team. Mr Thomson commences on the 25th of August and will play a key role in developing a regional NRM strategy.

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