

## Media release

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### Councils appoint new Chief

Cradle Coast Authority's nine Member Councils appointed a new Chief Representative and Deputy Chief Representative at CCA's Annual General Meeting today.

Latrobe Mayor, Peter Freshney was elected as Chief Representative and Waratah-Wynyard Deputy Mayor, Dr Mary Duniam was elected as Deputy Chief Representative. Mayor Freshney has served in the Deputy role for the past two years, and Central Coast Mayor, Jan Bonde served two consecutive terms as Chief Representative and didn't seek a further term.

Chairman Sid Sidebottom acknowledged the efforts of Mayor Bonde.

"The past two years has been a period of significant positive change for CCA, and Mayor Bonde played a really important part in that. The Board and our CEO have enjoyed working with her, and Mayors and General Managers all expressed their gratitude at today's AGM" he said.

Mayor Freshney said it was a crucial time for the alliance.

"I am a passionate believer in the potential and political potency of an alliance of the nine Councils in our region. The challenge for us as the leadership team and the Representatives' group, is that we work collaboratively to deliver on that potential. Our Cradle Coast Authority and the region we represent, are both at a crucial juncture in time and that sense of responsibility is not lost on any of us" said Mayor Freshney.

Other AGM business included tabling of CCA's Annual Report, which is now available on the CCA website:

<https://www.cradlecoast.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Annual-Report.pdf>

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**Image:** From left to right, Chairman, Sid Sidebottom, Mayor Freshney, Deputy Mayor Duniam and CEO, Daryl Connelly.

