

## Media release

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### **Cradle Coast Authority appoints Sheree Vertigan AM as Acting CEO**

One of Cradle Coast Authority's directors, Sheree Vertigan AM, will take on an Acting CEO role until a new CEO is recruited. Ms Vertigan will take a leave of absence from her Board and Regional Economic Development Steering Group Chair roles during this time.

Current CEO, Daryl Connelly, finishes up in July to pursue a role with Central Coast Council.

CCA Chair, the Hon. Sid Sidebottom, said the organisation was fortunate to have a director who was willing and able to ensure a smooth transition between CEOs.

"Sheree has the necessary skills, experience and drive to continue the valuable work that Daryl has ably led over the past few years, and she will be supported by a very capable team. As the organisation has changed a lot and the environment we operate in is dynamic, the Board will use this time to review the scope of the CEO role prior to commencing recruitment." he said.

"Sheree has extensive experience in project management, organisation review and change consultancy, strategic planning and management, and is a very effective advocate and communicator." said Mr Sidebottom.

CCA Chief Representative, Mayor Peter Freshney said "Sheree has made an excellent contribution as a director and is well qualified for the Acting CEO role. Between Sheree and our staff, CCA remains in very good hands".

Another of CCA's directors, Kathy Schaefer PSM, will chair CCA's Regional Economic Development Steering Group until Ms Vertigan resumes her normal duties.

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