

BUNURONG LAND COUNCIL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION APPOINTS NEW CEO

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Melbourne, VIC, 14 December 2023 - Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation is pleased to announce the appointment of its new CEO, Jody Irwin, who will join the organisation in January 2024. Ms Irwin was the unanimous choice of the CEO selection panel, which interviewed five finalist candidates in December 2023. Over 120 candidates were considered for this important position.

This will be Ms Irwin's second Aboriginal Corporation leadership role, having been CEO of Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service (Aboriginal Corporation) from 2019-2023, where she provided well-regarded senior stewardship of the corporation through a challenging time for the region. She brings considerable strengths in strategy and operations planning, program delivery, organisational improvement and staff development. The selection panel particularly valued her commitment to building a positive team culture through respectful leadership and mentoring and her track record in building member engagement in the corporation's key role as an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation. Jody holds a Bachelor of Business, Graduate Certificates in Indigenous Communities and Public Health and a Cert IV in Training and Assessment.

This CEO appointment is part of the corporate reform process of special administration, which is focused on securing a strong future for Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation as the Registered Aboriginal Party for Bunurong Country and as an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation. The special administration process will also result in appointing a new board for the corporation, with a sound governance framework, when the corporation is ready for hand-back to its membership.

Bunurong Land Council's culture and heritage responsibilities, and particularly its Culture and Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) obligations as a Registered Aboriginal Party for Bunurong Country, continue to operate as usual during the special administration process.

Ms Irwin states, "I am thrilled to be joining Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation as CEO, and I look forward to the opportunity and the privilege of serving the community and the team in this role."

The team at Bunurong Land Council look forward to welcoming their new CEO in January.

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About Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC)

Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) is a representative body that advocates for the rights and interests of the Bunurong people, the Traditional Owners of the land in the South-Eastern Kulin Nation. BLCAC is committed to preserving and protecting the cultural heritage, ancestral lands, and traditions of the Bunurong people.

