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Community announcement - new CEO at Waanyi PBC



Waanyi PBC is pleased to announce the appointment of Donna Leigh as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with the Waanyi PBC, commencing Monday 16 September 2024.

As a long-term resident of North Queensland, Donna brings a wealth of experience in business and Not-For-Profit community organisation leadership. Donna will leave the Eacham Community Help Organisation (ECHO) in Malanda where she has been CEO for the past 4 years. Of particular note as CEO at ECHO is Donna's success in the commercial turnaround of the organisation and capacity building within the community. Previously Donna was Director and CEO of Allied Health Performance and Medical for 14 years, a successful private Allied Health medical practice.

Donna brings a diverse professional background as an experienced CEO, formerly a physiotherapist and more recently, due to complete a law degree this year. This combination empowers her to address broader issues that affect both individual rights and system challenge, navigating complex situations to ensure that everyone receives the best possible outcome. On appointment to the Waanyi PBC Donna shared ... "I would like to say I am honoured to be stepping into the role of CEO for the Waanyi PBC. I will bring a unique blend of experience and deep commitment to values that align with the needs and aspirations of our community", emphasising her commitment to cultural respect, community engagement and sustainable development.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Trent McKenzie, Acting CEO, who has supported the Waanyi PBC over the past 6 months. His efforts and enthusiasm have been greatly appreciated.

Waanyi Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (Waanyi PBC) is a Traditional Owner organisation representing the Waanyi people over an area of 17,000 square kilometres north of Mt Isa, in north west Queensland. Care for country includes the Bidunggu Land Trust area, a number of pastoral properties and reserves, Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park, the town of Doomadgee and the Century Mine site.

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