



## **Message from the AILC Chair – Appointment of new CEO**

11 December 2017

The Board of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre is pleased to announce the appointment of its new CEO, Ms Robyn Forester.

Robyn hails from Bundaberg in South East Queensland. She is a Yuwibara and Australian South Sea Islander woman but now calls the nation's capital, Canberra home.

Robyn brings with her over 27 years of experience working within government, across a wide range of areas including HR, Public Relations, and range of policy development and programme delivery arenas. She has represented the Commonwealth government nationally and internationally at various forums including the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and she has sat on various committees in both government and community organisations.

With a passion for Leadership Development, Robyn was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2012, which enabled her to travel to Canada, the USA, the UK and New Zealand. Her research was titled Peer Support and Mentoring Networks for Law Enforcement Officers from Diverse Backgrounds. In 2015, Robyn attended INSEAD, the International Business School in Singapore as a Roberta Sykes Scholarship holder to undertake a short course "Leading for Results".

Outside her public sector employment Robyn is an active member of the local community. She studied Communications specialising in Public Relations at the University of Canberra. She is a skilled facilitator, trainer and coach specialising in the delivery of Cultural Diversity Training & Career Development.

It is this diverse experience that Robyn feels will allow her to have a unique impact on the future of the AILC, "I look forward to the contribution that I can make in helping to grow our future leaders and in progressing the foundation laid by former CEO, Belinda Gibb. I have watched the organisations progression over the years and welcome the opportunity to now work with a Board that is clearly focussed on creating a high performing, values driven organisation that is focussed on positive outcomes for the benefit of all Australians."

We look forward to welcoming Robyn into the AILC when she commences her role, in early January 2018.

***Cath Brokenborough***

***AILC Chair***

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