



BUSH HERITAGE AUSTRALIA

Heather Campbell announced as new Chief Executive of Bush Heritage Australia

Bush Heritage Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Heather Campbell as their new Chief Executive. Heather will commence her role in early January 2019.

Heather joins with a wealth of knowledge across the science, environment and not-for-profit sectors. Her most recent role has been at CSIRO, as Director of Health, Safety and Environment. She is a former Chief Executive of Landcare Australia, is the current Chair of Sustainability Victoria and has an environmental engineering background and extensive private sector risk management experience.

Chris Grubb, President of Bush Heritage, said Heather's experience, at both CEO and Board Director level, made her a stand-out candidate.

"We had a very strong field of applicants for the role and the Board is confident that Heather has the right skill set to build on the strong foundations Bush Heritage has put in place under Gerard O'Neill's leadership," said Chris.

"Heather inherently understands the many facets of Bush Heritage across our core business of conservation and science as well as the nuances of our fundraising channels, Aboriginal partnerships and agreements with landholders and pastoralists."

Chris added: "It's an interesting time in the conservation not-for-profit landscape. There are future challenges ahead, with changing environmental pressures and demands for new solutions. Our supporters can be assured that we remain committed to our values of conservation,

culture, collaboration, community and safety and as always our work will be underpinned by pragmatism and integrity."

Heather said Bush Heritage was an organisation she had long-admired.

"I am really inspired by the work of Bush Heritage in securing and protecting our fragile environment. Our world is precious and I want all generations to be able to engage, learn and be enriched by Australia's amazing landscapes with their unique flora, fauna and cultural significance," said Heather.

"I feel very privileged to have this opportunity to work with the great team and supporters of Bush Heritage."

Heather will take over from outgoing Chief Executive Gerard O'Neill, who departs Bush Heritage after seven years in the role. Gerard announced his resignation in June and committed to leading the organisation until the new appointment was announced, ensuring a smooth transition for staff and supporters. A strong governance and succession process has ensured stability during the recruitment period.

Bush Heritage now owns, or helps manage in partnership with Aboriginal people, over 8.86 million hectares of land across Australia, protecting the habitats of close to 6,000 native species of animals and plants. They own 39 reserves and are partners with 24 Aboriginal organisations, providing landscape scale solutions to environmental challenges.



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