



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Barwon Health Chief Steps Down After 9 Years**

The Chair of Barwon Health, Dr Owen Donald, announced today that the Chief Executive Officer, Sue De Gilio, will be leaving the organisation on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

The Board has decided not to automatically renew her contract when it expires in late January 2010, but to open the CEO role to competition.

Sue has held this role since 2001. She has decided not to contest the position and will leave, having completed 9 years, to pursue the next phase of her career.

Owen Donald said that Sue has positioned the organisation well for the future.

“Sue has demonstrated extraordinary leadership over the past 9 years.”

“Over this period, Barwon Health, under Sue’s leadership, has developed as a leading health service in many areas of operation, serving its region with great distinction.”

“The Board’s highest priority now is to find another outstanding leader to continue the development Sue has put in place and lead the organisation into the future.”

Pending a permanent appointment, an acting CEO will be appointed to lead the organisation.

“The Board and Executive team of Barwon Health will ensure capable leadership during and after this process. The quality of our health service to the community will continue to be exemplary”.

“We thank Sue for her valuable contribution in making Barwon Health the organisation it is today” Dr Donald said.

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