

## AIDA Media Release

### Indigenous Doctors' appoint new CEO

The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Donna Burns as the new Chief Executive Officer of AIDA.

Ms Burns is a proud Wiradjuri descendant with extensive experience in executive leadership and governance roles, particularly within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health space.

Ms Burns is a Registered Nurse, with postgraduate qualifications in Emergency Nursing. She used this experience to lead organisational change, having led her own consultancy company, working with a range of clients including Queensland Health and Alzheimer's' Australia Queensland. Most recently, she was Deputy CEO of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation.

Ms Burns is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. As a passionate mental health advocate, she is also the First Nations Director and Board Member at Headspace National

Ms Burns is looking forward to bringing strong Indigenous leadership to AIDA. Focusing on principles of good governance and compliance, Donna is excited to advance AIDA's strategic plan and grow the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical workforce, while championing a culturally safe health system for all our peoples.

"Having worked within the health space in various capacities, including at the Hunter New England Local Health District, Donna is acutely familiar with the journey our members take, from commencement of their medical career through to fellowship," said Dr Simone Raye, AIDA President.

Ms Burns will commence in the role on Monday 14 November 2022.