



THIRRILI

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Thirrili Appoints New Chief Executive Officer

The Board of Directors of Thirrili Ltd are pleased to announce that Ms Kerry Colbung (PSM) a proud Kokatha woman from South Australia has been appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer. Ms Colbung will take up this role on the 12th of June 2024.

With a career spanning some 33 years, Kerry has worked in a leadership capacity across community, government, and the corporate sector. She was the first Aboriginal woman appointed to Local Government in South Australia.

Kerry is a Graduate of the University of New South Wales and Thammasat University (Thailand) People's Diplomacy, Human Rights and International Law Program, a graduate of the Australian Rural Leadership Program, a fellow member of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, and a member of the Australian Rural Leadership Network.

She was inducted onto the 2009 South Australian Women's Honour Roll, was the winner of the Gladys Elphick Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020 and the SA Woman's First Nations Inaugural winner – Aboriginal Business Category 2020.

Ms Donna Murray, Chair of Thirrili Ltd expressed her appreciation on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Thirrili to thank out-going interim Chief Executive Officer Ms Tania Brown for her hard work, leadership and expertise over the last six months.

Thirrili looks forward to continuing our important work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities under Kerry's leadership.

About Thirrili Ltd

Thirrili is a proud Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that provides crucial and timely support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, families, and communities in the aftermath of a traumatic incident or loss of a loved one who has died by suicide.

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