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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR BUNDANON**

Simon Crean, Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, and the Arts, has announced two new appointments to the Board of Bundanon Trust.

The Trust welcomes corporate advisor **Cass O'Connor** and **Joe McIver**, Cisco's Director, Education Solutions for the Asia Pacific.

*"These two exciting appointments will bring a wealth of skills and experience to the Trust at a time of when we are mapping our future direction for the coming decades."* Bundanon's CEO Deborah Ely said.

Cass O'Connor has spent over 20 years as corporate advisor, investor and analyst, mostly focusing on the communications, media and entertainment industries. Cass is currently a non-executive director of three NSW Government Authorities and a number of private entities. In her corporate advisory roles, Cass has been a Director with Carnegie, Wylie & Company (now Lazard Australia); Executive Director with Goldman Sachs Australia LLC; Executive Director of Turnbull & Partners Limited and equities research analyst with Bain & Company (Now Deutsche Bank).

Cass has been involved in disability support, particularly deafness issues, since 2005 and is a director of *Hear for You*.

*"Cass's experience in the financial sector will be a great asset for the Trust. Her passionate support for disability services will enhance Bundanon's efforts with the sector in the region."* said Ms Ely.

Prior to joining Cisco Systems in early 2011 Joe McIver was the Chief Technology Officer at the University of Wollongong. Joe has a total of 17 years in ICT industry, including 12 years within the Education sector. He has also served as an elected board member of CAUDIT (Council of Australian University Directors IT) and currently serves as a director on the board of CEDARS Christian College (K-12) in Wollongong.

*"Joe's understanding of the Education Sector and his enthusiasm for the innovative use of existing and emerging technologies to enhance and enable teaching, learning and research are well aligned to Bundanon's future."* said Ms Ely.

The Trust acknowledges the significant contribution of outgoing members Polly Boyd and Richard Morecroft, who have served on the Board for 18 and six years respectively.

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