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Welcome Back Nicky

Community Industry Group is pleased to announce that after an absence of 12 months, Nicky Sloan is returning to her role as Community Industry Group's CEO. Nicky is back with new experiences and knowledge she gained from her time working as an executive on the formation of the new national peak body for aged care, Aged and Community Care Provides Association (ACCPA).

Nicky said "I am so grateful to the Community Industry Group Board for giving me 12 months leave of absence to pursue this unique opportunity to work on the implementation of a single voice for aged care nationally. There is no more important time for solid leadership for the sector at a national level, and I was so pleased to be able to contribute to the successful standing up of such an amazing entity."

Community Industry Group were fortunate to have Anna Bacik step in as interim CEO during the 12 months of Nicky's absence.

"I am incredibly grateful to Anna for taking over at the helm of the region's peak body while I was away." Ms Sloan said "Knowing the organisation and the sector were in good hands was important to be able to step away after 10 years in a role that means so much to me. Anna has done an exceptional job of leading the team and the sector through many changes and challenges. I am particularly impressed with the work Anna has lead in the southern region to support bushfire impacted services through the ReSow project."

The Community Industry Group Board also expressed their thanks to Anna for her devotion to the role, and her passion for the community services sector.

Nicky is now excited to be back and is looking forward to catching up with everyone in the community.

"I have learned many things during my time at the national level" Nicky said "but one of the most important things I learned was how very special the community services sector is in the Illawarra and South Coast. There is a 'special sauce' in this region which is unique. Our members work so collaboratively and supportively together and I am keen to find new ways that we can leverage that to benefit our region's vulnerable individuals, families and communities.

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About the Community Industry Group

Community Industry (formerly known as Illawarra Forum) is the peak body working for community services and organisations in the South East of NSW. It supports community organisations, promotes expertise and innovation in community development, fosters industry development and provides advocacy for social justice.

Community Industry Group represents the non-government community services industry in the South East of NSW, and works closely with numerous organisations which provide support to vulnerable people across the region.

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