



## **Media release**

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### **Community members consulted on Currumbin Board guidelines**

A consultative meeting between National Trust of Queensland President Dr John Jackson and community representatives has begun the first steps to developing the criteria and guidelines for the selection of the new independent Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary board.

The meeting involved Councillor Chris Robbins, Member for Currumbin Jann Stuckey, Currumbin RSL Chairman Ron Workman, Lois Levy from Gecko, Bren Milsom from Friends of Currumbin and Currumbin CEO Jonathan Fisher.

Dr Jackson said the broad-ranging discussions have provided suggested guidelines for the National Trust for the selection of the independent board members.

The new Board will be appointed under a partnership model for Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and the National Trust of Queensland.

Under the cooperative partnership, Currumbin will conclude the work of its Advisory Committee and a professional Board will be appointed that can totally manage Currumbin and provide advice to the National Trust of Qld on finance and management.

“The Board will comprise three National Trust representatives and four independent board members. This move recognises the unique status of Currumbin amongst the NTQ properties,” Dr Jackson said.

The CEO of Currumbin will be directly responsible to the Board and manage Currumbin completely, without reference to the NTQ Council. The NTQ Council will deal with the traditional heritage activities statewide.

“The community representatives at the meeting raised the need for Gold Coast representatives on the independent board,” Dr Jackson said.

“They also raised the importance of financial acumen as well as experience in business management, tourism, heritage, conservation and education in the composition of the new board.”

Dr Jackson also said the new board members should be sensitive to the community.

“I hope that members of the board will also be prepared to attend community meetings and briefings to discuss future Currumbin initiatives.” .../ENDS

