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### SEALINK FAREWELLS NZ GENERAL MANAGER

SeaLink General Manager Donna Gauci is leaving Auckland in mid-August to take up the position of General Manager for SeaLink Kangaroo Island, based in Adelaide. She departs after six years at SeaLink, five of these in the position of General Manager. Mrs Gauci was originally hired in the role of Sales and Marketing Manager in 2005 and was promoted to the position of General Manager in 2006 when CEO Michael Moore stepped down from the role.

She has guided the company through protracted negotiations for a long term lease at Wynyard Wharf where SeaLink's administration offices are located. She was also instrumental in the rebranding of the organisation when SeaLink purchased the company from the Subritzky family. She leaves the company in a good position, having driven it through a considerable growth curve and making many improvements in the areas of sales and customer service.

Taking over the position is Todd Bolton who has extensive experience in the tourism industry having held General Manager roles at P&O Cruises, Holiday Shoppe and more recently travel IT company, Sabre Pacific. Todd will have a five week handover with Mrs Gauci, prior to her departure for Adelaide.

"SeaLink is an operationally complex organisation" said Mrs Gauci "and I am confident that our strong leadership team will be a great support to Todd during his induction and as he gains an understanding of the business. The company is well placed to move forward under his guidance" she said.

On a separate note, leaving the island will be difficult said Mrs Gauci "I would like to thank everyone who has supported me during my time with SeaLink. I have thoroughly enjoyed the relationships within the community and with our customers and our family feels very privileged to have lived here for the past five years."

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