

## **Criena Gehrke**

Criena Gehrke is Chief Executive Officer of HOTA, Home of the Arts.

Before taking up the reins at HOTA, Home of the Arts Criena was Executive Coordinator of City of Gold Coast's Arts and Culture Unit where she led the development of the City's 2023 Culture Strategy. As CEO of HOTA, Home of the Arts, a vibrant arts precinct on the Gold Coast, Criena is leading the charge to embed arts and culture at the centre of the city, creating a legacy for future generations. Criena oversaw the recent development of the precinct including the addition of a \$37.5m Outdoor Stage, a \$19.5m pedestrian bridge connecting HOTA to Surfers Paradise, and the most recent addition (opened May 2021), a \$60.5m brand new, AAA rated, international standard HOTA Gallery. Under Criena's leadership, HOTA, Home of the Arts will welcome more than 1m people every year and is becoming known as a must visit cultural destination.



## **Bernie Haldane**

Deputy Director and General Manager of Programming and Presenter Services

Auckland Live

Bernie has been Head of Programming & Presenter Services since December 2015 overseeing the development and delivery of a broad range of programmes of arts and entertainment across our venues. Prior to joining Auckland Live, Bernie's key industry roles included serving as Director, Presenter Services at Arts Centre Melbourne, overseeing the management of all key venue hire relationships and as Chief Executive of HotHouse Theatre, a medium sized theatre company with a formidable reputation nationally creating and touring new theatre work. She brings further skills in technical management, financial management, business practice and government relationships.

Bernie has served on numerous Australian industry groups with a focus on touring nationally and internationally and brings a passion for supporting artists extend the life of their work. She is also recipient of a Churchill Fellowship investigating sustainable theatre models, producer/presenter relationships and practices for new work development and touring in the UK, Canada and USA.

