# Media Release



Friday 23 May 2025

### **Elected Member resignation**

Quotes attributable to Acting Mayor Nathan Daniell:

Councillor Pascale informed us of her decision to resign from her position yesterday, Thursday 22 May. We thank her for the contributions she has made since her election in November 2022 and wish her well in her future endeavours.

While we respect Cr Pascale's decision to step down, we totally disagree with her assertions.

Through our passionate and dedicated staff, we will continue to provide the same high-quality level of service and proactive maintenance to Rostrevor and Woodforde as we do to all of our townships and communities.

We will also continue to represent all ratepayers in opposing the Campbelltown City Council's attempt to seize 738 Adelaide Hills Council properties, which is unjustified and without merit

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Councillor Pauline Gill subsequently tendered her resignation this morning, effective immediately. We thank her for her service to her community since her election in 2018 and wish her the best for the future.

However, we strongly and categorically disagree with the assertions put forward in her resignation.

As an organisation, we take a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and harassment.

All of our Elected Members are held to the same behavioural standards and are provided with a number of support and reporting options should they feel those standards are in breach.

Quotes attributable to CEO Greg Georgopoulos:

Given both Councillors have resigned more than 12 months from the next Council elections in November 2026, we are required to hold supplementary elections in both the Ranges Ward and Valley Ward as soon as practicable. Previous experience suggests that the staging of these supplementary elections will come at an estimated additional cost to ratepayers of at least \$50,000.

In the meantime, the Adelaide Hills community can be assured that our dedicated staff remain focused on delivering high-quality services and support.

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#### For information only:

The supplementary election process and timeline are dictated by the South Australian Electoral Commission.

Council is proposing an average increase in general residential rates of 6.2% including 2.2% CPI which will allow for continued financial sustainability, maintain our much-needed high quality services and fund new initiatives. Our draft Annual Business Plan 2025-26 and draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-40 (LTFP) are both on our website and currently out for community consultation.

Adelaide Hills Council provides a broad range of services to Woodforde and Rostrevor including verge management, footpath, irrigation works, park and recreational facility upgrades, and general amenity improvements, just as the wider Adelaide Hills Council area is serviced.

Since July 2023, Council has also deployed our mobile library for a monthly visit to Morialta Conservation Park Playground. The Summit Community Centre at Norton Summit is also utilised by a range of community groups for meetings, fitness, events, arts and learning programs.

From the period January 2022 to July 2024, AHC responded to 1430 service requests in Teringie, Woodforde & Rostrevor. (Teringie has been included in the data as this area is intrinsically linked to the Boundary Change Area from a servicing perspective.)

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