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Adelaide Hills Council CEO appointed

Adelaide Hills Council Mayor, Dr Jan-Claire Wisdom is delighted to announce that Council has appointed Gregory Georgopoulos as its next Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Georgopoulos is currently the Chief Executive Officer at Kangaroo Island Council and has 14 years of experience in executive Local Government roles across the Kangaroo Island, Prospect and Port Adelaide/Enfield Councils. He has also held an executive role with a major South Australian retail and commercial developer in recent times.

“Greg is an experienced and accomplished leader in the local government sector who holds a passion and affinity for the Adelaide Hills,” Mayor Wisdom said.

“The Council were impressed with his strategic approach and focus on sustainability, the environment and good community outcomes. Greg also has firsthand experience with the Kangaroo Island fires and community rebuilding and resilience. These are skills that are essential for leadership in the Adelaide Hills environment.”

The Adelaide Hills Council CEO position became vacant in September last year when long standing CEO, Andrew Aitken, brought a close to his ten-years of outstanding service to the Adelaide Hills Council and community.


Due to the November 2022 Local Government Election, Council was not able to commence the recruitment for a substantive CEO and appointed Council’s Director of Community Capacity, David Waters, as acting CEO.

“I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank David Waters and his team for the wonderful job they have done over the past nine months. He had the added complexity of taking the role through the Local Government election and caretaker period and then on boarding of a new Council,” says Mayor Wisdom.

The substantive CEO recruitment process was undertaken by a Council-appointed CEO Selection Panel, chaired by the Mayor and worked closely with executive recruitment firm, McArthur.

The recruitment process involved a national campaign that attracted high-quality candidates from both within and outside the Local Government sector.

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Following a rigorous selection process, the panel recommended Greg as the preferred candidate at the 12 May special Council meeting.

Council received a presentation from Greg on the night before resolving to appoint him as CEO of the Council on a 5-year agreement.

“After a challenging few years for the organisation due to bushfire recovery, the COVID 19 pandemic and a delayed search for a new CEO, Greg’s appointment signals an exciting new chapter for the Adelaide Hills Council and community,” said Mayor Wisdom.

“With the new Strategic Plan development commencing in July, we will continue Council’s leadership as a responsible and sustainable council acting in the best interest of our community.”

“Greg will be warmly welcomed by the Adelaide Hills Council and community with his role anticipated to commence in late July or early August. Until then, David Waters will continue to perform in the role as acting CEO.”

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