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MEDIA RELEASE

MID MURRAY WELCOMES NEW WARD COUNCILLOR

The Mid Murray Council welcomed the election of its newest Councillor, Kirsty MacGregor, on Tuesday.

A supplementary election was held to fill a vacancy for a Ward Councillor in the Shearer Ward, following the tragic death of Councillor Steve Wilkinson.

Voting in the supplementary election closed on Monday, with 1,092 formal votes received and four candidates contesting the vacancy.

Ms MacGregor was elected provisionally on 497 votes on Monday, narrowly ahead of Robin Bourne on 495. The result was confirmed on a vote recount on Tuesday.

Mayor Dave Burgess welcomed Ms MacGregor to the new role.

“Elected Members and Council staff look forward to making Kirsty welcome and working with her to deliver exciting projects for the Shearer Ward and the wider Mid Murray community,” Mayor Burgess says.

“It is also encouraging to see the active participation of our community in the supplementary election, with 35% of eligible voters choosing to take part in this voluntary process.”

Ms MacGregor will formally start in the role at the next Council meeting in August, and is looking forward to taking on her new role.

“Ensuring a strong and vibrant local business economy as well as responsible tourism, have both long been passions of mine – so taking on a leadership role within the Council seemed like the logical next step as it enables me to represent the needs of our community,” Ms MacGregor says.

“I’m looking forward to working with the Council to understand policies and processes of local government, and then of course working alongside the existing elected members to help make sound decisions that ensure a strong future for Mid Murray residents.”

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