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MID MURRAY COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mid Murray Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Andrew Johnson as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Dr Johnson brings extensive executive leadership experience in local government, having served as Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Walkerville, LGA Mutual and the Port Pirie Regional Council, along with senior leadership roles across local government in both South Australia and New South Wales.

Mayor Simone Bailey said Council was delighted to appoint a CEO with such a strong background in financial management, governance and advocacy.

"Following a comprehensive recruitment process, Dr Andrew Johnson stood out as an exceptional candidate who demonstrated outstanding leadership, strategic thinking and a genuine commitment to regional communities," Mayor Bailey said.

"Council has worked incredibly hard over recent years to improve Mid Murray's long-term financial sustainability while continuing to deliver services and infrastructure for our community.

"We were looking for a leader who not only understands local government, but also has the financial expertise, governance experience and advocacy skills to help us continue that journey. Equally important was finding someone who values engaging with the community, building strong relationships with stakeholders and working collaboratively with our elected members and staff.

"Andrew's experience leading councils, combined with his strong financial background, advocacy experience and collaborative approach, gives Council great confidence that he is the right person to lead the organisation into its next chapter."

Mayor Bailey said Dr Johnson's appointment comes at an important time for Mid Murray Council as it continues implementing its long-term financial sustainability program and delivering key strategic priorities for the region.

"Council remains focused on building a financially sustainable organisation while continuing to support our communities and advocate strongly on behalf of our region.

"We look forward to working closely with Andrew as we continue that work together."

Dr Johnson said he was excited to be joining Mid Murray Council and looked forward to working with elected members, staff and the community.

"I am honoured to have been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Mid Murray Council and look forward to becoming part of the community," Dr Johnson said.

"Mid Murray is a council with significant opportunities and a clear vision for the future. I have been impressed by Council's commitment to improving its long-term financial sustainability while maintaining a strong focus on delivering outcomes for its communities.

"One of the things I enjoy most about local government is working closely with communities, elected members, staff and stakeholders to understand local priorities and deliver practical outcomes. I look forward to getting out across the region, meeting people and building those relationships."

"I look forward to working collaboratively with the Mayor, Elected Members and staff to build on the excellent work already underway and to ensure Mid Murray continues to be a great place to live, work, invest and visit."

Dr Johnson holds a PhD in Economics, a Master of Business Administration, is a Fellow Certified Practicing Accountant and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Dr Johnson will commence with Mid Murray Council on 10 August 2026.



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