

MEDIA RELEASE

Subject: **Rural City of Murray Bridge Council
appoints new Chief Executive Officer**

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Heather Barclay, new Rural City of Murray Bridge Chief Executive Officer

Following a highly contested and very rigorous selection process, involving all Elected Members, I am pleased to announce the appointment of our new Chief Executive Officer, Heather Barclay.

“Heather has over 30 years’ experience and an impressive background as a senior leader in Local Government in both South Australia and Victoria.

Importantly 5 ½ of those years have been with this Council as the General Manager Assets & Infrastructure, where she has been pivotal in our growth planning and public realm revitalisation, making us stronger together.

Heather’s time in Murray Bridge means she already has strong connections in our community that will be continued – and this, together with her strong reputation for being a transformational leader, and her drive and passion for our growing community will mean her wealth of experience and expertise, in partnership with the Council, will guide our focus on growth and economy in the coming years towards our vision of *Thriving Communities*.”

Heather will officially commence in the role of Chief Executive Officer with the Rural City of Murray Bridge on Monday 17 July 2023, following a period of Acting in the position since 15 May 2023.

Heather has told me she is absolutely thrilled and feels privileged to be afforded the opportunity to partner with myself, Elected Members, Staff and the Community, to lead the Rural City of Murray Bridge into its next phases of growth....

Along with the Elected Members I look forward to working with Heather and in continuing to effectively deliver sustainable outcomes for our growing community.

Wayne Thorley, Mayor, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

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