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New Leadership, New Initiative: Join Us for Community Drop-In Sessions with the Mayor and CEO

Opportunities for fostering authentic connections with residents, understanding their aspirations and addressing their concerns firsthand have sparked a new initiative by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the Rural City of Murray Bridge. The introduction of regular drop-in sessions in a roadshow style tour is set to revolutionise community engagement and collaboration.

Mayor Wayne Thorley and CEO Heather Barclay have been actively engaging with residents through the highly successful Let's Thrive community workshops, an integral part of the ongoing Strategic Plan 2024-28 consultation. The community's enthusiastic response to these engagements has driven the decision to extend the level of interaction.

The positive interactions experienced by residents while engaging with Council's decision makers during these workshops have inspired Mayor Wayne Thorley and CEO Heather Barclay to take community engagement to the next level. Recognising the community's desire for direct involvement, they are launching a series of drop-in sessions that will provide a unique opportunity for residents throughout The Rural City of Murray Bridge to interact directly with the Mayor Wayne Thorley and CEO Heather Barclay.

These sessions will extend to our outer townships ensuring that every corner of the community has the opportunity to participate, share their thoughts and contribute to the shaping of their shared future.

The first drop-in session is scheduled for Friday, 15 September 2023 at the Wellington Progress Association Hall between 9:30am and noon. More comprehensive details about the event will be made available closer to the date.

Mayor Wayne Thorley expressed his excitement about this venture, stating, "Our residents are our strength and their insights and concerns are invaluable. We are thrilled to open this avenue for direct dialogue, where every voice counts."

CEO Heather Barclay added, "We see this as an extension of the Let's Thrive workshops, where the community has shown immense enthusiasm. We aim to create an ongoing conversation that brings us closer to the heart of our community."

"This innovative approach to community engagement exemplifies the Rural City of Murray Bridge's commitment to transparent and inclusive governance. It's a dynamic step towards building stronger connections, amplifying community voices and creating a thriving future for all."