

KEEPING IN TOUCH - SHIRE PRESIDENT

I would like to update the Community on recent and impending movements with several of Council's Executive Staff members.

Chief Executive Officer

Council's CEO, Graeme Fardon has formally advised Council of his decision to retire from Council's employment effective 17th December 2021 and has provided 9 months Notice to enable Council ample time to find a suitable replacement CEO.

I thank Graeme for his outstanding dedication and commitment to our Community over the 28 years of his tenure and note that he has accumulated 42 consecutive years of Public Service over 3 Councils. I wish Graeme well for the future and we will arrange a suitable Farewell function nearer his Retirement date.

Council has appointed Consultants Beilby, Downing and Teal to assist Council with an extensive Recruitment & Selection Process for the new CEO and the Position will be advertised in this Saturday's "West Australian" newspaper, Shire Website and on various Employment websites & social media. Applications close on Monday 5th July 2021.

In accordance with the Local Government Act, Council has appointed a Selection & Recruitment Panel comprising of Myself, Deputy Shire President Cr Jo Haythornthwaite, Cr Brett McGuinness and Cr Peter Smith. In addition, Mrs Lyn Baker (Past Shire President and Shire Freeman of the Shire of Corrigin) has been appointed as the "Independent Person" on the Panel.

I will keep the Community informed as Council progresses with the Recruitment and Appointment of a suitable Person to this critical Leadership position.

Executive Manager of Corporate Services

Council's EMCS, Nathan Gilfellon has tendered his resignation from Council's employment effective 16th July 2021 to relocate back to Perth.

Nathan has provided excellent service and introduced a number of initiatives in many areas of financial management and customer service during the past 2.5 years with Council. I wish him well in his future endeavours and career.

I report that the Recruitment for this position has recently been successfully concluded and am pleased to announce that Mrs Leah Horton has been appointed to the Position. Leah has 7 years' experience in Local Government and is currently employed as the Business Improvement Coordinator with the City of South Perth.

Leah will commence duties on Monday 5th July and have handover period with Nathan.

I welcome Leah to Council and to our Community. I also look forward to welcoming Leah's Family (Husband Anthony, Daughter Violet and Son Darcy) to our Community in the near future.

Cr Wayne Davies