



## Wagait Shire Council has a new Chief Executive Officer

Wagait Shire Council President, Peter Clee, confirmed current Chief Executive Officer Deborah Allen has submitted her resignation effective upon the completion of her two year contract with Council. The Chief Executive Officer's contract expires on 31 May 2017 and Ms Allen and her partner Leigh will return to South Australia in the first week of June. President Clee said that 'Deborah had performed admirably during her two year term as Chief Executive Officer and she and Leigh have become valued members of the local community during their time in Wagait Beach'. President Clee said 'She has done a really splendid job and left the council in a very sound position'. He added, 'I wish Deborah and Leigh all the best for their future'.

"The response to the vacancy was advertised and a number of quality applicants expressed interest.. Two councillors and the existing Chief Executive Officer were chosen by Council as the selection panel. A staff member from the Northern Territory Local Government Association (LGANT) provided assistance to the selection panel by carrying out background and referee checks." 'The selection panel reviewed all applications, interviewed short listed applicants and agreed unanimously on their final decision". An offer of employment has been made and accepted.

President Clee said he is 'pleased to announce that Mark Sidey has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer for Wagait Shire Council effective 1 June 2017.' Mark comes to Wagait Shire with an impressive resume. 'Mark Sidey has had a number of years' experience with the Mackay Regional Council in Queensland and owns a property in the NT where he has most recently been working'. The Chief Executive Officer's position is a two year contract, with an option to renew.

'The Chief Executive Officer's role is a key position in such a small community. It is many things to all people.' President Clee said today. 'The new Chief Executive Officer will need to hit the ground running as this is a particularly busy time of year with the Annual Shire Plan, Budget and declaration of rates due to be finalised.' he added.

President Clee thanked the selection panel for 'their time, hard work and dedication in the selection process.

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