



MEDIA RELEASE

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Acting CEO appointed

The City of Marion has appointed an interim chief executive officer while it searches for a permanent replacement.

Mayor Kris Hanna has today announced Geoff Whitbread, a highly-regarded senior officer in local government in South Australia and Victoria, will be the acting chief executive officer from Monday.

“I’m delighted that a person of Mr Whitbread’s calibre and experience is able to take up the role as acting chief executive officer,” Mayor Hanna said.

“He will be a safe pair of hands.”

Mr Whitbread has 20 years’ experience as a local government CEO having served at Charles Sturt and Kensington and Norwood in South Australia and Greater Geelong in Victoria. He holds degrees in business and law.

For the past 10 years he has been running a professional legal and management consultancy, working in the private sector, government and local government.

Mr Whitbread said he looked forward to the interim role at Marion.

“The City of Marion has a very good reputation and I look forward to assisting the administration and Council over the next period,” Mr Whitbread said.

Current chief executive officer Mark Searle will step down on Friday after nearly 15 years in the job.

The recruitment process for a permanent chief executive officer is expected to start at the end of next month and take up to six months to complete.

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