



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Flinders Council General Manager, Bill Boehm, to finish on 31 May**

Flinders Council Mayor, Annie Revie, today announced that General Manager, Bill Boehm, will finish his current contract with Council on 31 May.

Mayor Revie stated, "As a largely new Council, we have spent the past few months reviewing our strategic approach to maximise the potential of the community over our four-year term and beyond.

"As part of this review it was noted that a number of significant improvements had been achieved over the past two-and-a-half years under the current General Manager, Bill Boehm, who was recruited by the previous Council."

She noted that, among other things, Mr Boehm had restored staff and councillor relationships following a challenging staff change. This was critical to the organisation's moving-on. Bill has also initiated some positive operational improvements; implemented positive changes to our rating system; overseen the development of a sound long-term financial management plan and secured Building Better Regions funding for the Telstra Communications and Structural Review Projects. One of Bill's most timely projects has been to initiate a review of Flinders Business, Economics and Social Structure. The recently released report augers well for the economic and social development of the municipality, as we move into the period of working with our community on a futuristic strategic plan.

Mayor Revie believes that, in order to leverage these gains, Council must now seek the certainty and continuity of a General Manager who can support and lead Council through the strategic planning and, importantly, implementation period."

Although Mr Boehm has 18 months still to run on his contract, a change in personal circumstances means that he is unable to make the necessary long-term commitment. He understands and supports Council's need to seek a general manager who can make such a commitment.

Bill Boehm stated, "My partner Kaye and I have very much enjoyed our time on Flinders and remain passionate about the Islands and the community. I feel we are leaving Council in a better place and very much look forward to staying in touch. We will closely follow Flinders assured strategic growth!"

Mayor Revie thanked the General Manager and praised his contributions. "Bill has been a passionate champion of Flinders and leaves with our full support and best wishes."

Council's Accountant, Heidi Marshall will act in the General Manager's role until a permanent appointment can be made.

Mayor Revie confirmed, "Heidi has been an integral part of Bill's team. Her knowledge and vast international experience, working at the highest levels in corporations and with government, make her the immediate and obvious choice to act in the General Manager's role through this transition period. The quality of Heidi's work is respected by staff and councillors alike.

"Council extends to Heidi the warmest welcome and looks forward to continuing the already strong working relationship."

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