

# Media Release

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## **NEW GENERAL MANAGER TO JOIN THE COUNCIL**

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Administrator, Stephen Sykes, today announced that a new Interim General Manager will join the Council in June, replacing current Interim General Manager Ken Trethewey. Allen Dwyer, an experienced local government executive, will commence on Monday 5 June, bringing with him over 40 years' experience.

Mr Sykes acknowledged the contribution of Mr Trethewey who will finish on Friday 2 June: "Ken has made a valuable contribution over the past 21 years, with 10 as the General Manager, however with what we need to achieve as a Council over the next twelve months requires a fresh approach, which is best delivered by someone new."

"Allen is an experienced General Manager with over 40 years' service to communities in the roles of Shire Clerk, Town Clerk, CEO and General Manager, including nine years' in Murray Shire, 10 years' in Broken Hill City, 12 years' in Orange City and nine years with Hay Shire," said Mr Sykes.

"Allen comes from a farming background in the Blayney area, which gives him a good feel for the needs of rural and regional communities. He is a keen sportsman who places a high value on teamwork to achieve positive outcomes.

"Allen has indicated that his objective is to establish a strong team to service the needs of the community of Cootamundra - Gundagai Regional Council believing that: "A team effort is essential to maintain a stable and economically viable community.

"In order to bed down the new council and the organisation I have made Allen's initial appointment for 12 months," Mr Sykes added.

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