

## **APPOINTMENT OF CEO FOR THE SHIRE OF SHARK BAY**

On behalf of the Council, I am pleased to announce that Mr Dale Chapman has been appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Shire, following a unanimous decision at a Special Council Meeting held on 12 August.

The appointment follows an extensive recruitment process to identify a strong leader to work with both Council and Shire administration to deliver the outcomes identified by the community in our Strategic Plan, which include a robust local economy, responsible management and planning, as well as a safe and connected community.

Dale is an experienced senior business manager, with significant expertise and experience in leadership, people management, business development and financial planning in both not-for-profit and private sectors. He has been a business development manager with the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) for the past 13 years and has a great track record as a high-performing executive with a strong background in management and stakeholder engagement.

Dale and his wife Linda are very familiar with small regional communities. He, having grown up in Papua New Guinea, and Linda likewise in Newman, as well as both living and working in Wyndham, whilst being heavily involved in these local communities.

In the CEO role at Shark Bay, Dale will deliver leadership, build strong stakeholder relationships, drive growth and service delivery to the local community and continue his proven results in developing new business opportunities.

Dale is keen to establish a sound working relationship with the President and Council in order to progress the strategic aims of the Shire and the local community and will have a strong emphasis on communication with both residents and Shire employees.

Council is looking forward to working with Dale, who will commence in the role on 5<sup>th</sup> October, and welcoming him and his family into our community. I am confident he will provide excellent leadership for the Shire going forward, with us all working together to make Shark Bay an even more awesome place to be!

Cheryl Cowell  
SHIRE PRESIDENT