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MEDIA RELEASE : District Council of Karoonda East Murray

Council Appoints New Chief Executive Officer

Mayor Caroline Phillips is pleased to announce the appointment of Anne Champness as the new Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

Mayor Phillips said Council was delighted to secure a highly respected local government leader with extensive executive experience and a strong understanding of regional South Australia.

“Anne brings a wealth of experience to the role, having successfully led councils and communities through periods of growth, change and opportunity,” Mayor Phillips said.

“Importantly, she has a deep understanding of rural and regional communities and the issues that matter most to our residents, businesses and community organisations. Her knowledge of the region, combined with her proven leadership and governance experience, made her an outstanding candidate for the position.”

Anne Champness previously served as Chief Executive Officer of Tatiara District Council and has built a strong reputation for strategic leadership, sound governance and fostering positive community outcomes.

Mayor Phillips said Council was confident Ms Champness would provide strong leadership for the organisation as it continues to deliver services, infrastructure and community initiatives across the district.

“Council has a clear vision for the future and we look forward to working with Anne to continue building a vibrant, resilient and prosperous community,” Mayor Phillips said.

“On behalf of Council and our community, I warmly welcome Anne to the District Council of Karoonda East Murray and look forward to the experience, insight and energy she will bring to the role.”

Ms Champness will commence as Chief Executive Officer on 16 November 2026.

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