



Media Release

Councillor Strudwicke Appointed as Deputy Mayor

Adelaide Plains Councillor Marcus Strudwicke has been appointed as Deputy Mayor for the next 12 months, which will mark his fifth consecutive year of fulfilling the role. Councillor Strudwicke was appointed unanimously at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 November 2022 – the first meeting of the newly elected Council.

Councillor Strudwicke appreciated the appointment, commenting “I really appreciate the unanimous support from my fellow councillors in re-appointing me to the role of deputy mayor. We have a great mix of gender, age, enthusiasm and experience in our elected members, and I look forward to us all working collaboratively to deliver some great outcomes for our community.”

There was strong support for Councillor Strudwicke to maintain the role for the first 12 months of the new term of Council. As new Councillors become familiar and confident in meeting procedures, there will be an opportunity for them to consider the role in future.

Succession planning was also mentioned during deliberations so as to ensure that this term of Council is already thinking ahead.

The suspension of formal meeting procedures at the Ordinary Council Meeting allowed for free discussion and an opportunity for all Councillors to nominate. Council’s recording of the meeting, including nomination and selection of the Deputy Mayor, can be viewed on Council's website.

A deputy mayor provides crucial support to the mayor, and council, through strengthening leadership and stability and ensuring the continued operation of a council in the event that its mayor is absent. Operational duties of a deputy mayor can include the role of chair at meetings, attending civic functions and ceremonies and providing a voice for the council and community.

Mark Wasley

Mayor

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