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## **Chief Executive – Roxby Downs Council**

### **Communique from Administrator, Geoff Whitbread**

I am pleased to introduce the inaugural Chief Executive of the Municipality of Roxby Downs.

Roy Blight, an experienced CEO, will commence with us on Monday 31 July 2017.

Mr Blight has a strong local government CEO history with experience in rural/regional and peri-urban councils. He holds a bachelor degree in Management and a Diploma in Local Government Administration and has a particular interest in regional and economic development and sustainable environmental management systems.

Previous appointments include:

- CEO of Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council (10 years)
- CEO of Barossa and Light Regional Development Board (5 years)
- CEO (Inaugural) of Adelaide Hills Council (5 years)
- CEO of Town of Gawler (2 years)

This appointment is a result of the report of the Governance Review of the Municipality of Roxby Downs on the governance arrangements of the Council that recommended to the Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy that the current Administrator role be replaced with an appointment of a council CEO and an Administrator as the Council. The Minister responded on 16 December 2016 supporting this recommendation.

Effectively the CE will be responsible for the overall management of the Council's affairs and the Administrator will carry out the functions of the Council. The CE is responsible to the Council (Administrator).

I was appointed as the Administrator in February this year by the Minister for 3 years - which will now become a part time role.

I am confident Roy Blight will provide Roxby Downs with solid and contemporary leadership. He will be a safe pair of hands and provide a style of management commensurate with the expectations of and for Roxby Downs.

Roy Blight will be on a 5 year performance based contract and will reside in Roxby Downs.

I hope you will join with me in welcoming Roy to Roxby.

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