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EXCITING NEW CHAPTER FOR ORROROO CARRIETON

The new chief executive officer (CEO) of the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton is excited about working closely with the community to drive the long term prosperity of the district.



Chairman Kathie Bowman and CEO Dylan Strong

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Announced in December 2018, Dylan Strong has commenced his appointment as Council's new CEO this week.

Chairman Cr Kathie Bowman welcomes Dylan and his family to the community of Orroroo Carrieton.

"The new year brings a new chapter for Council."

"The CEO position is key to ensuring that Council delivers for the community. Dylan has the ingredients we were searching for in a CEO, and I am looking forward to continuing the achievements of Council under his leadership," she said.

Having grown up in country South Australia, Mr Strong said he and his family are most excited about getting involved in the community's daily life.

"Rachel and I have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome we have received from the community. What an inspiring place to raise our family," he said.

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Experienced in government and private business, Mr Strong said he understands the importance of building and developing relationships at a regional and state level and he hoped to bring these experiences to his new role.

Mr Strong said Orroroo is a small town with a huge heart and the area has equally as huge potential. He will be seeking to generate economic prosperity and generate “vibrancy” within the community on multiple levels.

“We have a strong agricultural-base and need to support current industries to transform and become sustainable for the long-term. Many are currently doing it tough,” he says.

“At the same time we need to unlock the opportunities, and provide initiatives to encourage new businesses to the region.”

Mr Strong said he will also look at ways to increase engagement between Council and its community through technology, a strategy which he has used successfully in previous roles.

As for his first few weeks in the job, Mr Strong plans to spend time getting a feel for his new home town and its residents.

“I’ll be getting out and meeting the locals and talking to them about everything from farming to sport, to business and what they believe the district’s future holds,” he said.

“It’s the best way to understand the issues and opportunities that face our community.”



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