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COUNCIL ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF GENERAL MANAGER

Coonamble Shire Council has accepted the resignation of General Manager, Mr Hein Basson, and appointed Mr Bruce Quarmby as Acting General Manager until a permanent replacement can be found.

Mr Quarmby has been in a senior leadership role with Coonamble Shire Council for the past 11 years, most recently as the Executive Leader of Corporate and Sustainability.

Outgoing General Manager, Hein Basson, had been appointed General Manager in June 2019.

Coonamble Mayor, Councillor Tim Horan, brought the General Manager's resignation to an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Council on Friday, 1 April. As the meeting dealt with the employment of a senior Council officer, a significant part of it was closed to the public.

In open meeting, Council adopted three resolutions, to the effect that Council:

1. Accept the resignation of the outgoing General Manager, Mr Hein Basson.
2. Appoint Mr Bruce Quarmby as the Acting General Manager until such time as a new General Manager is recruited or Council resolves to appoint an alternative Acting General Manager.
3. That Council engage LGNSW to manage the process of recruitment of a new General Manager.

In commenting on his time in Coonamble, Mr Basson said that he had enjoyed his time with Coonamble Shire Council.

"I especially enjoyed having been part of the development of significant strategic plans for the community and Council," he said.

"I am also proud of the value that I have been able to add to the operations of Council through the implementation of some new policies, procedures, systems and structures.

"As all wise people know, there is a time to come and a time to go. It is my time to go."

"I wish all the Coonamble Shire residents individually, and as a community, the very best in your future endeavours."

Coonamble Mayor, Cr Tim Horan, added that while he had only worked with Mr Basson for only a short period of time, he was impressed with the outgoing General Manager's commitment and expertise in Local Government.

"As Mr Basson indicated, we have a sense when there is time for a change, and he has acted on this.

"On behalf of the elected Council and the residents and ratepayers of the Shire, I thank Hein for his service to this community during the past three years."

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Councillor Tim Horan

MAYOR

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL