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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **APPOINTMENT OF NEW GENERAL MANAGER**

Coonamble Shire Council has appointed Mr Paul Gallagher as its new General Manager, starting a five-year contract on 5 February 2023.

Mr Gallagher was most recently employed by Uralla Shire Council, after leaving Nambucca Shire, where he served for 12 years.

Mr Gallagher is a returning resident to Coonamble, having previously lived here for five years and being employed by Coonamble Shire Council as Deputy Director of Engineering at that time.

Mr Gallagher and his family have also lived and worked in Condobolin, Narromine, Narrandera, Coonamble, Merriwa, Nambucca Heads and Uralla.

Coonamble Shire Mayor, Cr Tim Horan, welcomed Mr Gallagher and said he looks forward to working with him to implement Council's Operational Plan and Delivery Program.

Cr Horan said that Mr Gallagher's experience in local government and his keenness to commit to the community really stood out.

"His engineering experience and management skills are what will take us forward in the new year," Cr Horan said.

Cr Horan thanked Mr Ross Earl, who acted as General Manager until a permanent appointment could be made.

Tim Horan MAYOR