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**MEDIA RELEASE**



## **FIVE NEW ELECTED MEMBERS JOIN SOUTHERN MALLEE**

The Southern Mallee District Council is pleased to announce it has a full contingent of councillors, following a successful Supplementary Election.

Five new councillors, **Chris Mead, Trevor Pocock, Luke Kennedy, David Smith** and **Campbell Michell**, will join existing Councillor Neville Pfeiffer and Mayor Ron Valentine, as they lead the district for the next four years.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Matthew Sherman congratulated the new councillors, who will bring more knowledge and experience to the Council.

“Serving the local community is an important and rewarding task, and I look forward to supporting our new councillors as they get to work,” Mr Sherman said.

“I thank all those thirteen candidates who put up their hand at the supplementary election, and although not all were unsuccessful, these people provided the community with an opportunity to undertake the democratic process.

“We have a great community here, and I think this amount of interest bodes well for our future.”

The first meeting of the full Council will be held on 19 April 2023, and the current Mayor position will also be reconsidered.

“Staff look forward to working with the elected members to fulfill the goals and aspirations of the council for the community,” Mr Sherman said.

The recent Supplementary Election was held due to a lack of nominations at last year’s Council Election, with only two people nominating.

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