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NEW MAYOR RON VALENTINE TO LEAD SOUTHERN MALLEE

The Southern Mallee District Council has elected new Mayor Ron Valentine to lead the district until the meeting immediately following the Southern Mallee District Council local government supplementary elections to be held in 2023.

The two nominations received for Council were elected unopposed, with Mayor Valentine to replace outgoing Mayor Jeff Nickolls. Councillor Neville Pfeiffer was also re-elected.

Due to the lack of nominations, Council will hold a supplementary Election early in 2023, seeking a further five Elected Members.

New Southern Mallee District Council Mayor Valentine says he is looking forward to engaging with the community and building on the good work delivered by Council in recent years.

“It is an honour to be given the opportunity to represent the Southern Mallee community. I’m looking forward to working with a new team, to deliver for a unified, inclusive community,” Mayor Valentine said.

“We have an exceptional community here, and I believe myself and others on the Council can help ensuring we are strong, sustainable and prosperous into the future.”

Mayor Valentine, who boasts an extensive background in business and customer service roles, is encouraging others to nominate for Council at the upcoming Supplementary Election.

“While I’m well aware there will be challenges, I encourage other community members to put up their hand and nominate, in which I believe is an important and rewarding role,” he said.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Matthew Sherman congratulated the new members and thanked the outgoing Elected Members.

“Serving the local community is a rewarding, albeit time-consuming task, and Council thanks Mayor Jeff Nickolls and past Councillors for the tireless effort they’ve put in over the past term,” Mr Sherman said.

“We welcome Mayor Valentine and Cr Pfeiffer and look forward to introducing another five Councillors after next year’s Supplementary Election.”

Other Elected Members who retired at the end of their term included Paul Ireland (Deputy Mayor), Rebecca Boseley, Andrew Grieger, Trevor Hancock and Mick Sparnon.

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