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Berri Barmera Council appoints Chief Executive Officer

The Berri Barmera Council has appointed a new Chief Executive Officer following a comprehensive recruitment process. Mayor Peter Hunt has confirmed the appointment of André Stuyt to the Council's senior role. Mr Stuyt will take up his position from early-July.

Mayor Hunt said André was chosen after an extensive and extremely competitive selection process from a strong field of candidates. "André is an outstanding choice, bringing a wealth of experience drawn from the private, state and local government sector with strong economic development credentials. He has demonstrated an affinity for the challenges and opportunities we face in our region," he said.

Mr Stuyt previously held an executive role with the City of Whyalla and has held a number of notable positions with the City of Unley and Urban Renewal Authority engaged on key projects including the Bowden Urban Village and Port Adelaide Waterfront Redevelopment. He was also an independent member of the City of Charles Sturt's Development Assessment Panel between 2007 and 2011, and appointed to Unley Council's Business and Economic Development Committee between 2013 and 2015. Mr Stuyt holds a MBA, Master of Business (Property), Graduate Diploma in Property, Bachelor of Arts in Planning and is a graduate of the esteemed Governor's Leadership Foundation Program.

Mayor Hunt said that Council was confident of building upon recent achievements under André's leadership. "This appointment marks an exciting new chapter for the Berri Barmera Council. The elected members are looking forward to working with André to ensure the Council continues to deliver on its remit of effectively managing our community's assets, fostering economic growth and delivering projects and services that continue to enrich the quality of life for our residents," Mayor Hunt said.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr Stuyt said he was honoured and excited to be appointed to the Chief Executive Officer role. "I am looking forward to working with the elected members and dedicated staff to continue the work of providing services and enabling opportunities to deliver a sustainable future for the Berri Barmera Council and the Riverland region," he said.

"One key aspect that I will be focusing on is delivering great outcomes for the community and working with relevant bodies and local citizen groups to advance the region's liveability and economic prosperity."

Originally from Adelaide, Mr Stuyt will be making a home for himself and his family within the region. "My family and I are excited at the prospect of moving to the Riverland and integrating into the Berri Barmera community; it is a beautiful location and boasts fantastic services and facilities," he said.

Mr Stuyt takes over the position from David Beaton, who was Chief Executive Officer for 10 years.

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