



Renmark Paringa Council

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Renmark Paringa Council – Welcomes new a Mayor and new Council

Renmark Paringa Council welcomes a new Mayor after Neil Martinson retires following 16 years of service to the community as Mayor and a total of 38 years in Local Government.

Peter Hunter has won the Mayoral election and will lead the Council for the next four years.

There are four returning Councillors – Ben Townsend, Maria Spano, Margaret Howie and David Sims who will be joined by two new faces – James John and Stephanie Brauer. Council will also see the return of previous Elected Members Jack Gibb and Frank Turton.

While Deputy Mayor Henry Du Rieu was not successful in the Mayoral election, Council wishes to thank Henry for his leadership and service. Councillor Allan Maddocks was not re-elected and Council wishes to thank Allan for his dedication over the past 12 years. Similarly, Council wishes to thank Jung Grewal for nominating for the election.

Peter Hunter is the third Mayor to be elected to Renmark Paringa Council since the amalgamation in 1996. Peter Hunter was first elected to Council in 2010.

Mayor Hunter said the membership of the new Council comes at a pivotal time in Renmark Paringa's history.

"I am humbled by the support offered during this election period, which now enables me to represent our community as Mayor. This honour comes with significant responsibilities and expectations, which over time, I will work purposefully with staff and elected members, to achieve the very best we can for our Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup Communities.

I am very appreciative of the considerable foundation that exists due to Neil Martinson's valuable service for over 38 years to Local Government. His leadership, counsel and shared knowledge have played a very significant part in Renmark Paringa's successes.

The single focus in the short term needs to be on resolving flood mitigation issues. We are indebted to staff for their intensive work to date, in building our protection to levels to manage flows, not seen since 1974 – 48 years ago.

I look forward to meeting, sharing and listening to ratepayers, as we work through the challenges which we face as a community, progressing our future."

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