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City of Port Adelaide Enfield appoints new CEO

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield has appointed Mr Mark Withers as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Withers, currently CEO of the City of Charles Sturt, succeeds former Port Adelaide Enfield CEO, Harry Wierda, who died in December last year following a long illness. Mr Wally Iasiello has been Acting CEO for Port Adelaide Enfield for the past two years.

Announcing the appointment, City of Port Adelaide Enfield Mayor Gary Johanson said Mr Withers had been selected from an outstanding list of candidates.

Mr Withers, who joined the City of Charles Sturt in 2007 as CEO, has worked at eight different metropolitan councils in the Adelaide metropolitan area over the past 31 years.

Mayor Johanson said: "We are confident that in choosing Mark, we will have a CEO of the highest calibre, which is what the City of Port Adelaide Enfield requires."

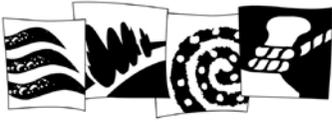
"This is a city of 120,000 people and 8000 businesses, with enormous challenges and enormous opportunities," he said. "With the full support of the South Australian Government, we believe we are now looking at a new surge of economic activity and development, and we need a CEO who can provide the necessary vision and strategic leadership to take the city to a new level.

"Port Adelaide Enfield is important to the whole of South Australia, just as it was 175 years ago when Port Adelaide was founded. As well as engaging and developing our dedicated staff, and managing Council's diverse operations, we are looking to being a regional leader in local government."

Mr Withers, in announcing his appointment, said: "Port Adelaide Enfield is a Council with many opportunities before it, and I am looking forward to the challenge of leading the organisation in its next stage of development and into an exciting future."

Mayor Johanson paid particular tribute to Council's Acting CEO Wally Iasiello: "Wally took on the role at short notice and at a particularly difficult time," he said.

"He has had a very sure hand on the tiller for the past two years, steadied the council and, even though only in an acting capacity, made the job his own with all the commitment and dedication that requires.



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“In doing so he has won the respect not just of Elected Members and Council staff, but of the broader residential and business community.”

The new CEO will perform the role on a five year, fixed term contract.

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