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The Appointment of Ms Gail McGowan as Commissioner

19 December 2022

Today Gail McGowan took the Declaration of Office as the Commissioner of the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup.

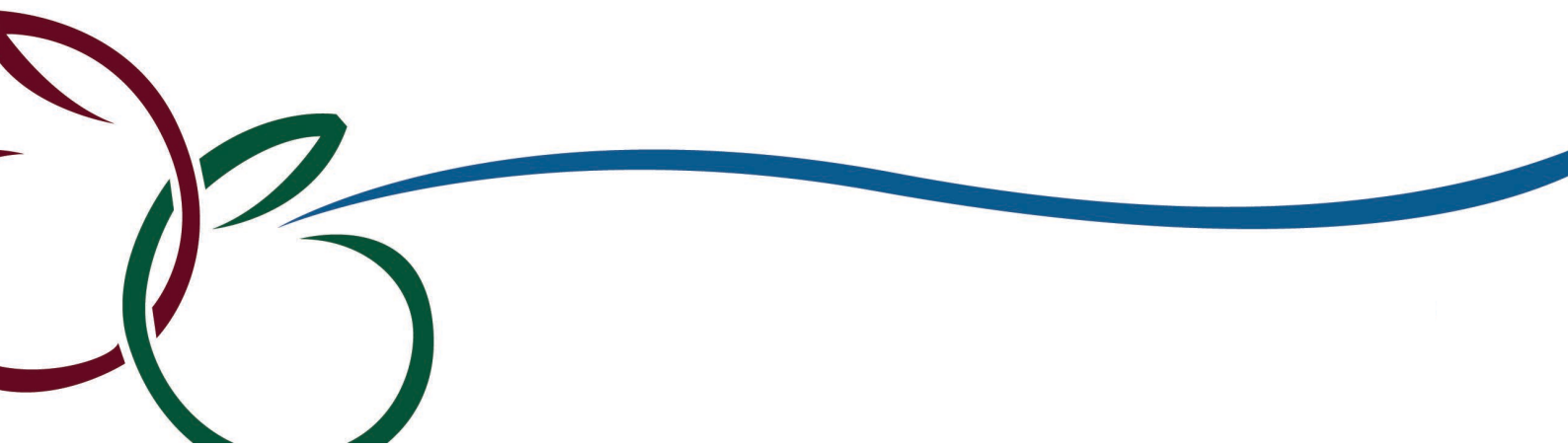
Her role is to operate as the Council until new members are elected and the new Council holds its first meeting. This is expected to happen in October 2023.

Five members of Council resigned on 1 December 2022, which meant that more than half of the offices of Council were vacant. On 14 December 2022, the Governor published an Order in the Government Gazette declaring the remaining offices of Council vacant and appointing the Commissioner.

Ms McGowan is a former Director General of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and has an extensive background in senior roles in Government. She is currently a non executive director of several organisations in Government and the not for profit sector. She was awarded a Public Service Medal in 2019 for her contributions to the public sector. Ms McGowan is a member of Chief Executive Women of Australia, CEOs for Gender Equity, a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration of Australia.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* the function of the Commissioner is to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the Council and its President.

Ms McGowan may be contacted by emailing commissioner@donnybrook.wa.gov.au or by phoning the Council office on 9780 4200.





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Ms McGowan and Mr Rose, commemorating the Commissioner's appointment. 19 December 2022

We are very grateful for the patience and understanding of the community over the past few weeks and are looking forward to working under the guidance of the Commissioner.

Benjamin (Ben) Rose

Chief Executive Officer

