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Updates regarding the Council of Donnybrook Balingup: Minister Carey's Advice

14 December 2022

On 1 December 2022, five of the total nine Council Members of Donnybrook Balingup's Council resigned (effective immediately on that date).

Since this time, we have been liaising with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLSGC) for advice and assistance in navigating this situation.

Today, Minister Carey issued the following information in a media statement:

- Former senior public sector leader Gail McGowan PSM is to be appointed as Commissioner at the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup
- The remaining four Council positions have been declared vacant, and the Commissioner will perform the duties of the council until a new Council is elected
 - It is anticipated that a new Council will be elected during the scheduled October 2023 local government elections

Ms McGowan will formally commence as Commissioner next week. You can find the full media release from Minister Carey on the Government of Western Australia Media Statements website.

We extend our thanks to the Donnybrook Balingup community for the patience shown towards the Shire administration staff during this time.

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Benjamin (Ben) Rose

Chief Executive Officer

