



NEW COMMUNITY CULTURE AND PLACES DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Craig Arms has been appointed to lead Dubbo Regional Council's (DRC) Community Culture and Places Division following an external recruitment process.

The role became vacant after director Jane Bassingthwaite accepted a lateral transfer to the Director Organisational Performance position in May 2023.

DRC CEO Murray Wood said he was pleased to make the announcement.

"I would like to congratulate both Mr Arms and Ms Bassingthwaite on their new appointments and have every confidence their history and investment into the organisation and our community will make them a great fit to lead these important areas of our Council."

"We have many challenges as a community and also as local government body so having the right leadership is important to our community's success," Mr Wood said.

DRC undertook a thorough recruitment process, independently through McArthur to complete the initial shortlisting and interview rounds. In accordance with the Local Government Act the CEO also consulted with Councillors before Mr Arms was offered the position.

Mr Arms has worked in public land management for more than 25 years, across both NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services and Local Government.

He moved to Dubbo in 2005 and has developed a broad working knowledge of social and community issues from a regional perspective.

In 2017 Mr Arms took on the role of Greenspace Operations Manager with Dubbo Regional Council. He has been acting in the director role since May this year.

“I really enjoyed the challenge working with the Greenspace Operations team to improve the way we go about our business. There is still much to do in that space, but I look now to a new, and larger challenge.

“The Community, Culture and Places portfolio is very diverse with its own set of challenges and opportunities for us to provide excellent community service,” Mr Arms said.

Mr Arms joins the DRC Executive Leadership Team, which also includes Ms Bassingthwaite, Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement Natasha Comber, Director Development and Environment Stephen Wallace and Director Infrastructure Luke Ryan.

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