

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Waratah-Wynyard General Manager Shane Crawford to take the top job at Burnie**

In a changing of the guards, Waratah-Wynyard Council General Manager, Shane Crawford, has been confirmed as the new Burnie City Council General Manager.

Mr Crawford has held the reins at Waratah-Wynyard for the past seven years, with an impressive highlight reel of achievements including delivery of the Wynyard Waterfront Master Plan, significant recreation based projects and bringing to fruition actions from many Council strategies and master plans.

Mr Crawford says the decision to leave Waratah-Wynyard was a tough one, after forming strong relationships with Councillors, staff and the community throughout his time in the top job.

“Whilst I’m excited to take on a new challenge and look forward to leading Burnie City Council into what I believe will be a period of positive change and reinvigoration, leaving Waratah Wynyard Council was not an easy decision to make.”

“It has been an absolute pleasure to serve the Waratah-Wynyard community. This community has such a positive attitude and you can see the collective pride. It’s just a great place, and I really enjoy the uniqueness of all of our communities.”

Mayor Mary Duniam says Council is saddened to accept Mr Crawford’s resignation but reflected on his achievements over the past 7 years.

“Shane has been an outstanding General Manager. He is an accomplished respected leader who always focusses on the end goal. He has been visionary in his approach to strategic planning and has managed Council’s finances impeccably.”

“Under Shane’s strong financial management our Council has achieved an underlying surplus for the past 8 years, whilst also delivering some of the lowest rate increases in Tasmania.”

“We wish Shane all the best in his new role and look forward to positive collaborations into the future.”

Mayor Duniam said Waratah-Wynyard Council will meet to discuss and plan recruitment for a new General Manager in due course.

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