

MEDIA STATEMENT

City of South Perth welcomes appointment of monitor

Local Government Inspector Tony Brown has appointed Murdoch University Chancellor Gail McGowan PSM as a local government monitor at the City of South Perth, commencing Wednesday 25 February.

Ms McGowan served as a local government commissioner from 2022-23 and is currently Chancellor of Murdoch University and Chair of the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority.

Mayor Greg Milner welcomed the appointment and stated that he was looking forward to working constructively and cooperatively with Ms McGowan.

“The City welcomes the appointment of Gail McGowan PSM as a local government monitor. Ms McGowan has a wealth of practical experience and governance knowledge that will help ensure that our City remains focused on delivering good governance outcomes for our residents and ratepayers,” Mayor Milner said.

“Ms McGowan’s independent oversight and her assistance in developing an Action Plan will help improve the City’s governance capabilities and our ability to best serve the needs of our community.”

Ms McGowan will be observing Council and committee meetings including those held in closed session, inspecting documents and reviewing governance practices. Her appointment will be for a period of nine weeks at this stage, concluding on 29 April with a report and observations to the Inspector.

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