



# King Island Council

## Media Release

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### **COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW GENERAL MANAGER**

King Island Council Mayor, Councillor Duncan McFie today announced that after a comprehensive recruitment process conducted over the last few months the Council resolved at its Extraordinary Meeting on Saturday 3 March 2018 after interviews for the position to appoint Troy Brice as its new General Manager. Troy is intending to commence on Monday 23 April 2018.

Mayor McFie said:

*"I am delighted that such a high quality field of twenty three (23) candidates sought this very important role. We had applications from Tasmania, Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Western Australia and Thailand. This was a very competitive process and it was indeed a difficult decision the Councillors had to make to separate some very talented leaders. In the end the decision was unanimous and Troy will commence knowing he has the full support of all Councillors.*

Troy is the current Director of the Southern Ocean Company, and has had past management and leadership roles as the Director and Regional General Manager for Asia Pacific with Swire Oilfields, as Senior Logistics and Quarantine Manager with Gorgon LNG Project, as Principal - Global Supply Chain Logistics with Rio Tinto, Marketing Manager with Shell Coal and Senior Airborne Operations Manager with the Australian Army. Troy's governance and airport operations experience will be of considerable value to King Island.

Troy has a long list of qualifications as a graduate of the Royal Military College of Australia, the University of New England, Duke University USA, INSEAD France, and the Southern Cross University; all of which will be of immense value to his role for King Island.

Mayor McFie indicated:

*Troy impressed the Council with his apparent energy and drive to take on his first general manager role in local government. He has a very impressive background in leadership and management crossing over a number of professional disciplines – sports management, business management, personnel administration, and company director.*

*Troy has a range of commercial, marketing, procurement, and governance skills which will be of significant advantage to King Island and its Council and community. He appears to have very strong inter-personal skills and I expect him to settle in well to our community with his wife Heidi and young*



son, Duke when they arrive in April. Troy signed a five (5) year contract with the Council and he looks forward to establishing a home on the Island by investing in our community.

Troy's challenge will be to ensure the continued financial sustainability of the Council, to help maintain our significant rural identity, to help grow jobs and encourage investment and bring diversity in the local economy, and lead the staff group with a strong focus on customer service.

In accepting this significant career opportunity Troy had this message for the King Island Council staff and community:

*"Having grown up the son of a Cray Fisherman in a small country town in WA, I'm excited about returning to a close-knit community such as King Island. I have missed the community spirit, the element of local pride and being near the ocean every day. After living and working in most states of Australia and seven other countries, King Island is exactly the place we want to settle and raise our young fella with good country values.*

*I'm confident of hitting the ground running and contributing in the right way. I look forward to meeting everyone as a matter of priority and asking some good questions on how we can find the right path for King Island to reach it's natural potential."*

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