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Glenn Rappensberg announces he will not be seeking a second term as Alexandrina Council CEO 20 September 2021

Chief Executive Officer, Glenn Rappensberg has announced that he will not be seeking a second contract with Alexandrina Council and will finish in his leadership role at the end of his current five-year term.

Mr Rappensberg said he's been delighted to lead the team at Alexandrina Council and is proud to have worked with them on a number of significant achievements for the local community.

"While my decision may surprise some people, I simply didn't feel that I could make the commitment to another five-year term, which is a significant contract in Local Government, particularly given the current failing health of my elderly parents who are in Queensland and have become increasingly dependent on my support," he said.

"I have just returned from Mount Isa today and unfortunately, it is very clear that I will need more flexibility to be able to support Mum and Dad going forward."

"However, I will leave the role with great memories and real pride in the contribution that I have made and the achievements of our entire Alexandrina Council team."

Mr Rappensberg highlighted the development of Council's 20 year regional 'Vision to Thrive – A2040', enhanced community participation through the development of Village Conversations and Village Innovation Plans, and the development of a comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as major milestones for the region.

"We also have more than \$50 million in projects underway including the revitalisation projects for Goolwa Wharf Precinct and the Strathalbyn Town Centre, along with the Goolwa Beach Master Plan, creation of the Signal Point Experience Centre and key upgrades for Goolwa High School, Strathalbyn Aged Care and numerous SA Ambulance Stations," he said.

Mayor Keith Parkes reinforced Mr Rappensberg's sentiments "Together as CEO and Mayor, we have advocated strongly for the Alexandrina community and Mr Rappensberg's contribution and influence

has driven positive and sustainable outcomes for Alexandrina that will be celebrated for some time,” he said.

Mr Rappensberg’s current contract expires in May 2022.

“While the end of my contract is still some months away, I felt it was only fair to let the Alexandrina Council team, the elected members and the broader community know of my decision now, to allow for a smooth transition to a new CEO,” he said.

“Our region has a great future and I look forward to watching its continued growth and success with a new CEO at the helm.”
