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## Council Appoints New Chief Executive Officer

Following the completion of its Ordinary Meeting in Katherine today, Roper Gulf Regional Council is pleased to announce the appointment of David Hurst as Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately.

David joined Council in April 2021 and has since held key leadership positions, including General Manager of Council Services and Community Engagement, before stepping into the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer in April 2024.

With 30 years of leadership experience across various sectors and a deep understanding of remote Aboriginal communities, David is well-equipped to lead the Council into the future.

Mayor Tony Jack welcomed David's appointment, stating, "We are incredibly excited to have David Hurst officially take on the role of Chief Executive Officer.

"Since stepping into the acting position earlier this year, David has shown strong leadership and a clear vision for the future of our Council.

"Under his leadership, we have already started to see positive changes across the organisation, with a renewed focus on high-quality service delivery and stronger community engagement.

"David brings a wealth of experience, and what sets him apart is his genuine commitment to our region and its people.

"We are confident that together, we can build on this momentum and create more opportunities for local economic development and job creation, which are so important for the future of our region.

"The councillors and I look forward to continuing to work closely with David to deliver the best outcomes for the communities we serve."

David's leadership will continue to promote an integrated approach to community development, ensuring that Roper Gulf Regional Council remains focused on job creation, local employment, and delivering high-quality services to its residents.

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