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### **Announcement of Gingin Shire CEO Resignation**

Shire of Gingin Chief Executive Officer, Jeremy Edwards, has resigned after five years at the helm and will be heading north to take up a new challenge as the Shire of East Pilbara's CEO in March 2018.

Mr Edwards was employed by the Shire back in October 2012 and during that time he has led the organisation through a period of considerable growth, restructure and productivity. His key contributions have included the transformation of the Shire's culture and ethos from that of a traditional country local government to a contemporary business focused on community wellbeing, planning for the future, transparent governance, delivery of projects and services, as well as expectation management for both community and elected members.

"Jeremy also brought a strong focus on relationship building to the table with a talent for bringing out the best in people and partnerships," said Shire President, Sam Collard. "Not only did he work well with community members, councillors, colleagues and local businesses within the Shire, he also developed excellent relationships with State and Federal Government agencies and neighbouring shires for the betterment of the region.

"His leadership during his time with the Shire of Gingin has been second to none, and we thank him sincerely for the wonderful job he has done. We wish Jeremy and his wife Amanda every success with their new life in Newman."

The recruitment of a new CEO has commenced with the appointment of WALGA to coordinate the advertising and pre-selection process.

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