



UPPER SPENCER GULF COMMON PURPOSE GROUP

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The Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group is celebrating a major milestone this week, with the commencement of the first full time Executive Officer in the history of the organization.

Ms Anita Crisp was formally welcomed to the role by Chairman of the Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group - Mayor Brenton Vanstone, along with Port Augusta Mayor Sam Johnson and Mayor Jim Pollock from Whyalla.

Ms Crisp comes to the new role with a long history of involvement in regional South Australia, most recently as Executive Officer with the Central Local Government Region of Councils.

"Anita has worked in local government, natural resource management, community and regional development across the Mid North and Eyre Peninsula and has a good understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by the Upper Spencer Gulf", says Mayor Vanstone.

"We are very pleased to welcome Anita to the role – her appointment marks the start of a pivotal new era of collaboration across our three cities", he says.

The Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group was established in 1998 as an alliance between the Cities of Whyalla, Port Pirie and Port Augusta to:

- a) Foster the development of the Upper Spencer Gulf cities
- b) Promote advantages of improving the Upper Spencer Gulf economy
- c) Facilitate the expansion of business within the Upper Spencer Gulf
- d) Implement strategies to improve the Upper Spencer Gulf economy

Following the recent retirement of Mr Ian McSparran from the part-time position, additional funding to the Group has allowed expansion of the role to a full-time capacity.

Anita can be contacted through the Regional Development Australia or Council offices in Port Pirie, Port Augusta and Whyalla.

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