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## **Acting CEO Appointed Ningaloo Centre Project Update**

Shire of Exmouth Council has endorsed Executive Manager Engineering Services Keith Woodward as Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Woodward's priorities are to ensure the day to day operations of the Shire remain firmly on track and to work through the implications of the CCC examinations with the executive management team and in conjunction with the Department of Local Government and Communities and the Western Australian Local Government Association.

"The community of Exmouth can be confident that staff at the Shire are working hard on their behalf to deliver projects and services effectively," Mr Woodward said.

The regionally significant Ningaloo Centre, including the aquarium component, remains on schedule and is expected to open as planned in April 2017 ahead of the Shire's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

The Centre will be a world-class cultural, education and research facility for the people of Exmouth and more than 100,000 national and international visitors to the town each year.

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