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Ms Melva Hobson PSM  
President  
Organisation Sunshine Coast of Residents (OSCAR)

Via email: [mail@oscar.org.au](mailto:mail@oscar.org.au)

Dear Ms Hobson

### **Appointment of Group Executive, Customer Engagement and Planning Services**

I am pleased to advise that the recruitment process to fill the position of Group Executive Customer Engagement and Planning Services (CEPS) has been concluded, with Debra Robinson being appointed to the position.

As many of you would be aware, Debra is a long-term resident of the Sunshine Coast and since December 2017 has held the position of Director, Major Projects and Strategic Property at Sunshine Coast Council. Debra has formal town planning qualifications, holds a Master of Business Administration, is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and in 2006, was awarded the Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year by the Sunshine Coast Business Womens' Network.

Debra brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this role, having worked across various councils, private planning consultancies and development companies in Queensland and Victoria, including the Sunshine Coast. Debra formerly held the role of Manager, Development Services with Brisbane City Council before joining Sunshine Coast Council in 2017. In this role Debra was responsible for a multi-disciplinary team of approximately 350 staff and was responsible for facilitating the timely and effective processing of development approvals.

Debra is extremely passionate about the Sunshine Coast and is excited about the opportunities this role brings. She has a proven track record of achieving outstanding customer focused results and a passion for leading teams to share in a collective vision that drives exceptional service and strong internal and external partnerships.

I am delighted to welcome Debra into this role and to her continuing participation on Council's Executive Leadership Team. I know that Debra is looking forward to connecting with you directly and looks forward to working with all industry and community stakeholders on a range of critical projects.

Debra will officially commence in her new Group Executive role on 16 May 2022.

Yours sincerely

  
**Emma Thomas**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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