

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **New Chair of GSDC Board**

Denmark businessman and farmer Ross Thornton has been confirmed as the new Chair of the Board of the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

Mr Thornton was appointed to the Board of the Commission in October 2014 as Deputy Chair.

Board member Veronica Fleay, President of the Shire of Kojonup, has been appointed Deputy Chair.

The position of Chair of the Board became vacant in April when Peter Rundle resigned from the post to pursue a political career, after serving as Chair since 2009.

Mr Thornton is a qualified town planner and registered builder, and is a member of the WA Planning Commission.

He has served as a Councillor and President of the Shire of Denmark.

The ten-member GSDC Board includes three Ministerial nominees, three local government nominees and three members nominated by the community.

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