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## **Be.Bendigo congratulates CoGB CEO Appointment**

Be.Bendigo (Bendigo's Chamber of Commerce) has today congratulated City of Greater Bendigo on the appointment of Andrew Cooney as its new Chief Executive Officer.

"The choice of CEO for such a significant role is a very important one for the City and for the community of Bendigo and our surrounding areas", says CEO of Be.Bendigo, Mr Rob Herbert.

"With Bendigo continuing to grow, and with some very exciting, transformative projects in development, the appointment of such a highly respected, highly capable candidate to the role, will ensure that we can continue to power on into the future."

"With his existing knowledge and experience in the City and network of contacts in the region, Mr Cooney is well placed to pick up the reins and ensure that impetus on these vital projects is not lost."

Mr Herbert went on to thank Craig Niemann for his tenure as CEO of City of Greater Bendigo.

"Craig has been at the forefront of the City for more than sixteen years. In that time, the perception of Bendigo has moved from that of a rural town, to that of a creative, progressive Regional City, vital to the future development of Victoria, and a great place for people to live, work and raise their families", he said. "This, in no small measure is due to the work of Craig and his team, working both publicly and quietly to ensure that Bendigo is always well represented to State and Federal Government, and is a welcoming, supportive, solutions-focused destination for potential investors and employers".

"We look forward to continuing to work with the City to ensure that the future for Bendigo and the region continues to be positive and progressive".

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