



HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

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New Council begins work

The newly elected Huon Valley Council have hit the ground running and begun the first of their Induction sessions to learn about the way Council operates.

Huon Valley Council General Manager, Mr Emilio Reale says the Councillor Induction sessions are also held to help the new Councillors deal with the huge amount of information they have to take in.

“It really is quite daunting, and a steep learning curve. The new Councillors have to understand Council’s operating structure, the Strategic Long Term Planning Process, the legislative requirements under the Local Government Act and how to operate as a Planning Authority, amongst other things.

“It’s great to see their positive approach and enthusiasm for their new roles. Council staff are helping them settle in,” Mr Reale said.

Newly elected Mayor of the Huon Valley Councillor Bec Enders says the Induction day was a great start with our new team of Councillors and the Executive Leadership team.

“All Councillors participated enthusiastically and fully throughout the Induction Day. The topics may have been pretty heavy but the workload was made a lot easier because of the support from staff and the executive of the Huon Valley Council.

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“I was really pleased that the setting was relaxed, friendly and positive; everything you need for learning something new, with a dash of healthy cheer throughout the day.

“Many of the topics discussed were about good governance. This included roles and responsibilities, conflict of interest, accepting and declaring of donations and gifts, declaration of expenditure and allowances, councillor access to General Manager and Directors, upcoming councillor training, councillor code of conduct and an overview of the budget, assets and functions of each department.

“On behalf of my fellow Councillors, we want to thank our General Manager, Emilio Reale, and his staff for the work they did in preparing for the day.

“November and December will be busy months as your Councillors undertake more professional development by attending inductions and workshops,” Mayor Enders said.

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