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Newly appointed board members excited to support regional jobs hub

The Huon Valley Jobs Hub Single Authority held its inaugural board meeting last week marking a significant milestone for those who have been advocating for a dedicated resource to connect job seekers with employers in regional areas.

An initiative funded by the Tasmanian Government, via Jobs Tasmania, the Huon Valley Jobs Hub will service job seekers and businesses in the Huon Valley and Kingborough region in partnership with the local community.

Huon Valley Acting Mayor Sally Doyle welcomed the new board members and congratulated them on being part of such an important initiative.

"If we can help bring local industry and local workers together and work with job seekers to address barriers to work, we will be making a real difference in people's lives. Living and working in the place you call home is the ultimate dream for a lot of people," Acting Mayor Sally Doyle said.

"This is a great initiative," Kingborough Mayor Paula Wriedt said.

"The Huon Valley Jobs Hub will increase employment opportunities, workforce participation and the ability for more in our communities to re-engage with formal education in the Huon Valley and Kingborough areas," Mayor Wriedt said.

Joining the authority are Robert Banfield (chair), Judi Cawthorn, Gideon Cordover, Donald Coventry, Michael Higgins, Pam Lane, Mark Richardson, Lucy Whitehead, Kingborough Council's General Manager, Gary Arnold, and Huon Valley Council's General Manager, Jason Browne.

Acting Mayor Doyle said the board members bring extensive knowledge, expertise and experience through prior director or governance roles and functions.



“They also have direct exposure and involvement through the fields of education, training, business, social wellbeing and community development.”

Chair Robert Banfield said the board is excited to be involved with the Huon Valley Jobs Hub to help match local people in Kingborough and the Huon with employment, facilitate training and focus on individuals.

“As a board we are keen to innovate and think broadly. As we develop, we welcome feedback from our communities.”

The board will provide oversight delivery and coordination of activities in the Huon Valley and Kingborough regions that support the objective to increase employment, workforce participation or re-engagement with formal education and training.

Last October it was announced that the State Government had allocated \$1.625 million over three years for Huon Valley Council to facilitate the delivery of a regional jobs hub.

The board agreed at its first meeting to progress with the development of a strategic plan to achieve the objectives and goals of the Huon Valley Jobs Hub Authority.

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