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### **Mayor and Councillors Sworn In**

A new chapter was marked today with the swearing in of the new council.

The local government election held recently resulted in Sally Doyle becoming the mayor after acting in the role for the last seven months.

Six new faces for Huon Valley Council, Toby Thorpe (deputy mayor), Debbie Armstrong, David O'Neill, Mark Jessop, Jenny Cambers-Smith and Cathy Temby were elected to four-year terms. Mike Wilson and Paul Gibson have returned having previously served as councillors.

Mike Wilson has since resigned, and this casual vacancy will be filled and results known mid November.

A swearing-in ceremony took place at the Council Chambers and was officiated by the General Manager Jason Browne.

Each councillor took a declaration of office to carry out the role of reviewing, debating and making decisions about issues that are brought before the council to the best of their ability, and in the best interests of the community.

The declaration also included complying with the council's code of conduct, engaging in ongoing professional development and abiding by the principles of good governance.

Mayor Sally Doyle said she was looking forward to working together with the new councillors.

"It is a fresh start for the Huon Valley Council," Mayor Doyle said.



"With many new faces we have an opportunity to create a culture of respect and collaboration and for all of us to align our own values with those of the organisation as we work to serve the community.

"There are many exciting things happening in the Huon Valley and there are also some challenges that we are facing. I am confident that we will all advocate for the valley's interests."

General Manager Jason Browne said an extensive induction program for the incoming councillors has been prepared.

"In the past, our inductions have incorporated a lot of paperwork, but we have improved our processes and are using online tools to share information with our new councillors.

"There will also be site visits where councillors will see for themselves the wide range of services that are delivered to the community."

The first council meeting with the new council will be on 30 November 2022.

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