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Huon Valley Council's Chief Executive Officer appointed

Lachlan Kranz has today been named as Huon Valley Council's new Chief Executive Officer after a nationwide search for the person to lead the organisation into its exciting future.

Mayor Sally Doyle is pleased to announce the appointment after an extensive recruitment process conducted over past months.

"I am delighted to announce the appointment of Lachlan (Lachie) as our new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Lachie will officially start his work in this critical role commencing on Tuesday 2 January 2024 and has been appointed on a five-year performance-based contract.

Lachie joined Huon Valley Council as Director of Infrastructure in July 2021 and has additionally acted as Director of Development and Environment Services and is currently Acting General Manager.

Lachie is absolutely thrilled to be confirmed in the appointment and is looking forward to commencing as our CEO from 2 January 2024."

Lachie was interviewed by the Recruitment Panel comprising the full Council, alongside of six other shortlisted candidates last week.

The opportunity was advertised extensively across the mainland, locally and in New Zealand.

The recruitment programme was facilitated by an experienced Local Government independent consultant company who work across the local government sector nationally.



"We attracted a very large field, but despite tough opposition from the other high-quality candidates, Lachie impressed the Council Panel with his mature approach along with his obvious energy and drive for the Huon Valley community and role."

Lachie has impressive multi sector experience, having worked earlier in his career at a Sydney Council followed by extensive corporate sector experience around Australia whilst building his career. He moved to the Valley in 2019 with his partner and two young boys.

Lachie's career experience includes senior roles with property giant Stockland, as well as years as an Associate Director of respected consultancy Kinesis.

Lachie has this message for the Huon Valley community and staff of the Council:

"What a wonderful opportunity the Council has given me to be part of the exciting future for our region.

I choose to live and work in the Huon Valley because it is a special place with an incredible community. The Huon offers a unique environment and lifestyles that I strongly value and will fight hard to maintain.

I have accepted the role knowing our history, the challenges we face and the urgency of restoring trust and a shared future vision between Council and the community.

I will listen to our community's aspirations and where they think Council can improve and I will identify priorities and act upon findings.

We have a great team of dedicated Mayor, Councillors and staff who have demonstrated their capacity to listen to the community and improve our services.

I will provide Councillors with evidence-based advice and staff with the resources to do their job effectively in a respectful workplace.

On this basis, I am confident that I will have the support to lead a more stable, transparent and effective Council for the benefit of the Huon community."

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