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Resignation of Huon Valley Councillor Cathy Temby

Huon Valley Councillor, Cathy Temby wishes to inform the community that she will be resigning as of 25 January 2024 when she moves interstate due to family reasons.

Cr Temby said "I would like to thank the Huon Valley Community for the opportunity to serve as Councillor over the last 12 months. It has been a challenging but rewarding experience in terms of our achievements.

"We have a strong team of Councillors led by Mayor Sally Doyle and our new CEO, Lachlan Kranz, who along with the Executive Leadership Team and staff have worked together to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community, and to represent and promote the interests of the community.

"I am confident we have established a strong strategic foundation in the best interest of the community, now and for the future. Informed by the community, we have developed forward-thinking plans, which do much more than address the financial instability we faced when we started as new Councillors. They build trust through good governance and improved communication and aim to support and value Council Employees in their work serving the community. Underpinning with financial sustainability will ensure equity between generations and ratepayers in that each generation is responsible for the cost of the resources they consume.

"We have improved resilience to Climate Change through the employment of a Climate Change Officer, Emergency Management and Recovery Officers and by directing resources towards improvements to our stormwater systems and better maintenance overall of our infrastructure and assets. I have great admiration for our Council staff and community volunteers, who have supported our response and recovery from several severe weather events, including the 2018 floods, 2019 summer bushfires and the 2020 pandemic, as well as supporting us during the day-to-day life in our beautiful Huon Valley.



"In my view a priority for this Council moving forward is to maximise for our community the opportunities presented by the Future of Local Government Review (FoLGR). We have set in place a process to meet with Kingborough and Derwent Valley Councils to inform an accurate, well considered response to the FoLGR Final Report. I believe there is great potential for sharing relevant financial and service information so Council can consider the recommendation constructively and fairly evaluate the potential cost and benefits to the community.

"There are many issues I have advocated for as a resident and over the last year as Councillor. My priorities have been road safety, catchment water quality, litter and overall waste reduction, and infrastructure improvements. The HVC State of the Valley Report 23/12/2022 identifies our 'existing infrastructure will not be enough to service Huon Valley's rapidly growing population' and identifies the importance of 'creating partnerships to attract and build infrastructure for the current and future population.' It was also one of the top three issues facing the Huon Valley in the Liveability Survey.

"As identified in the Land Use and Development planning process, there is a strategic need to accommodate greater uptake of public and active transport. Emphasising the safety of pedestrians in town centres, for example along Main Road in Huonville, would encourage the use of these areas for walking and create commercial opportunities.

"I will be watching with interest as the Huon Valley Council progresses into 2024 and continues to serve our community's best interest now and for the future."

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