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Council's new Leadership group finalised

The appointment of a new Director for Community Services completes the new Council Leadership group.

Huon Valley Council General Manager Emilio Reale says the first phase of the organisation wide review and restructure has now been completed.

"The appointment of Director of Community Services means all of the leadership positions are now filled.

"We have a great team in place to make the changes to the way the Council operates." They are very accomplished with many years of experience in management and Local Government.

"Wayne Thorpe remains as Director of Corporate Services. Matthew Grimsey leads Legal and Governance Services, Len Bester is Director of Infrastructure Services. Luke Chiu is a recent appointment as Director of Environment and Development Services and the appointment of Paula Robertson in the role of Director of Community Services rounds the Leadership group out.

"We have changed the resource allocation in various areas to respond to demand from our ratepayers – such as the ongoing changes to the State's planning laws. The restructure also reflects the need for Council to be more agile and responsive to community needs.

"The new structure provides a clearer delineation of roles and has created a career path for staff, succession planning and internal backup for when key staff are away or on leave.



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"The directors will now concentrate on implementing the Council's Annual Plan which were agreed on as part of the review," Mr Reale said.

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