



HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

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Council releases Annual Report

The Huon Valley Council has released its annual report for the 2017/18 financial year. In releasing the report, Huon Valley Mayor Bec Enders said it was pleasing to note the Council's many achievements during the year.

Presenting the Council's 2017/18 Annual Report, Cr Enders said the Council had much to be proud of.

"The Council's bridge-building crew replaced three bridges, and the Capital Works crew continued renewal works on Esperance Coast Road" she said.

During the period work also continued on redeveloping Heritage Park into a destination playground, with new playground equipment, picnic shelters, BBQs and toilets constructed.

"Strategic projects have continued throughout the year with the completion of Flood Studies, the Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing and Arts and Culture Strategies and a Community Engagement Framework. These Strategies will now guide the Council into the future, Cr Enders said"

Cr Enders said the granting of Freedom of Entry to HMAS Huon in October was a grand event held in Huonville that doesn't happen very often. Other memorable events hosted by Council during the year included the opening of the Far South Memorial by the Sea, Australia Day Breakfast by the River, the Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Expo and Stories in September.

Huon Valley Council were also successful in obtaining a number of grants, these included Blackspot Funding for Cygnet Coast Road, Federal Governments *Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Projects Stream for the* Huonville Stormwater Upgrade project and Department of Education and Training Child Care Sustainability Funding for families in Dover and Geeveston.

"There are almost 17,000 residents in the Valley and the rates levied on properties only go so far to cover service provision for such a large area (5.5 thousand square kilometres).

"Council received State Government election commitments for \$7.5 million for the Channel Highway diversion and improvements to Arve Road in Geeveston, Hastings Caves Road, the Franklin Foreshore redevelopment including the shared pathway between Huonville and Franklin and feasibility studies into a possible Mountain Bike Trail.

Huon Valley Council's strong financial performance is also highlighted in the annual report. Council 100 per cent cash funds its depreciation, 100 per cent cash funds its reserves and has no loan debt.

Copies of the annual report are available from the Huon Valley Council offices and from the Council's website, www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au

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