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Online register provides details on asbestos control

Huron Valley Council is committed to ensuring all Council-owned buildings and sites are safe for public use and managed in accordance with legislation and workplace standards. This includes following an Asbestos Management Plan to ensure the community is kept safe from the harmful effects of asbestos fibres.

As per its legislative requirements and WorkSafe Tasmania Codes of Practice, Council maintains an asbestos register which lists all identified (or assumed) asbestos in Council-owned buildings and sites.

Regular inspections are carried out on all Council-owned buildings to manage asbestos risk, and the inspection schedule is kept updated with past and future inspection dates of sites that are on the asbestos register.

These documents have been made available for people to view on the Council's website under the title REGISTERS at huonvalley.tas.gov.au/council/reports-and-publications.

Huron Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders said, "We are firmly committed to ensuring that any asbestos materials in Council-owned buildings are managed and controlled to protect the health and wellbeing of the community, workers and contractors. As a council, we strictly comply with asbestos management legislation to ensure no members of the public, including our workers, are put at risk.

"Now that our asbestos register and inspection schedule are on the website, people can see what we are doing to control asbestos risk."

The asbestos register provides detailed up-to-date information about asbestos at each site, and states whether:

- The structure does not contain asbestos
- Construction or renovation works were done to manage asbestos risk
- Asbestos is under a management plan

"Our inspections are done by accredited contractors who are qualified to remove materials that contain asbestos," said Cr Enders. "All work conducted on asbestos materials is

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performed in a manner that ensures workers and others are not exposed to asbestos fibres.”

More information about safe asbestos management can be found on asbestosawareness.com.au or the WorkSafe Tasmania website.

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