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Creating Connection with Community

The Huon Valley Council is inviting community members living in Mountain River, Crabtree and Grove to come along to its first Community Conversations initiative.

Acting Mayor Sally Doyle said creating more face-to-face connection points between community and council is the goal of this initiative.

"Our message to the community is: we need you; you matter and your perspective matters.

"We want to hear what people care most about, what issues are most important, what they love and what they don't love. And we want to figure out a way forward together."

The Community Conversations initiative is also a way for Council to keep the community informed about what is happening in their area.

"We have a lot of interested members in our communities and this is a way for them to engage with Councillors and Council staff in a new and welcoming way," Acting Mayor Doyle said.

"Our hope is that they feel uninhibited and share any ideas or concerns they may have for their community."

Community Conversations is consistent with the Council's Community Engagement Framework, and it will use a world café style of engagement to create dialogue, discussion and explore positive outcomes and solutions.



"We will collate what we hear from those attending and provide responses back to the community following this session. We are aware that there may be some community issues that are beyond our control. We will endeavour to provide a response to all the issues and questions.

"We look forward to having a conversation about things that matter to people."

While this first Community Chat is a trial, it is anticipated that future chats will be scheduled throughout the Huon Valley during the remainder of this year.

For further details please go to Have Your Say on our website www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au and make sure you are signed up to our community newsletter for all the latest news from Council.

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