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Community Wellbeing Director Leaving Huon Valley Council After 18 Years

Huon Valley Council has today confirmed that the Director of Community Wellbeing, Rebecca Stevenson, will finish her role with council tomorrow.

Acting Mayor Sally Doyle acknowledged the significant contribution Ms Stevenson has made to the council during her nearly 18 years of service.

“Rebecca has led the community wellbeing team for the last four and a half years. Her portfolio includes medical services, children services, community development, communications and media and recreation services.

“Her breadth of knowledge and diverse experience is extensive given the time and commitment she has dedicated to the organisation.”

Under her leadership there have been significant achievements made. These include:

- establishment of the Huon Valley Hub in Huonville
- construction of a mobile art gallery, ARTBOX
- building a resilient and supportive community through various recovery programs following the 2019 bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic
- endorsement of the Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan
- endorsement of the Huon Valley Volunteering Strategy
- leadership of children services encompassing The Cottage, Geeveston Early Learning and Care and Dover Childcare
- a feasibility study of a shared pathway from Huonville to Franklin (funded by the Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation)



- development of the Huon Valley Recreation Plan
- securing funds to upgrade the Dover Medical Centre
- undertook an extensive recruitment process for the recruitment of general practitioners for the medical centres
- delivered COVID-19 testing and vaccinations clinics at Dover Medical Centre for the Geeveston and Dover communities.

Ms Stevenson's contract was due to expire in February 2023 and a decision was made by the General Manager Jason Browne to not renew the contract. An early finish date for Ms Stevenson has been negotiated, with her last day being tomorrow.

Acting Mayor Doyle reassured the community that the council is committed to the delivery of all the services that come under community wellbeing.

"The general manager will be working directly with the community wellbeing management team for the immediate future in lieu of a director."

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