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COUNCIL SHARES THE GOOD WORK OF THE FOOD HUB WITH THE GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA

Acting Mayor Sally Doyle met with the Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Barbara Baker, on Saturday to share the good work being done by council in building a regenerative and abundant local food economy through its food hub project.

“We spoke with Her Excellency about the wonderful trial projects currently underway that aim to address issues such as household food insecurity and the increase in demand for locally grown fruit and vegetables.”

The Governor and Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers were in the valley attending the Cancer Council’s Relay for Life event in Huonville.

Acting Mayor Doyle said the success of the Huon Valley Food Hub project to date was due to the collaboration that had occurred between council and the community and the passion and determination to achieve a sustainable and resilient local food economy.

“Our Food Hub Officer, Emily Samuels-Ballantyne, and Manager Economic Development, Michelle Gledhill, have been working very closely with the community to find ways of building a regenerative and abundant local food economy and improving access to local food for everyone.”

“This engagement has resulted in four trial projects that will plant seeds of change in the valley. The first project commenced last Friday, and the rest will follow from now until the end of May.

Manager Economic Development, Michelle Gledhill, said as the trial projects are being completed, each are being evaluated, with the results helping to inform the development of a business plan for a Huon Valley Food Hub to help make the community more resilient.

The program is funded by the Tasmanian Government’s Healthy Tasmania grant program. You can find out more about the trial projects and the food hub project at www.huonvalleyfoodhub.org

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