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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Electric Vehicle Fast Charger for Cygnet**

The Huon Valley Council has been successful in securing a \$30,000 grant to have an electric vehicle (EV) fast charging station installed in Cygnet, which will make it the third EV charger in the Huon Valley once installed.

Mayor Bec Enders said the Tasmanian Government's Electric Vehicle ChargeSmart Grants Program is helping to support electric vehicle uptake throughout Tasmania.

"Providing fast and reliable charging options for residents and visitors to the Huon Valley is crucial for encouraging Tasmanians to drive an electric vehicle and reduce their greenhouse emissions. It is also a part of our Climate Change Strategy. The Huon Valley Council was also one of the first councils to purchase a fully electric vehicle as part of their fleet," she said.

We are partnering with Electric Highway Tasmania (EHT) for design, installation, and operation of the public charger.

Clive Attwater of Electric Highway Tasmania said the company is keen to work with the Council to complete the coverage of the Huon Valley area for public electric fast charging.

Mayor Enders said members of the public had raised with Council the importance of having a charger installed in Cygnet.



“Cygnet is a central location for commuters, residents and travellers, with connections to several main connector roads. The charger will provide convenience to those living and visiting the region with EVs.

“We are one of the few Tasmanian councils to initiate investment in electric charging infrastructure. We started in Huonville and followed shortly after with a second station in Geeveston. All of these have been made possible with the help of previous rounds of the ChargeSmart grants.”

It is planned for the charger to be located behind the Cygnet Town Hall, a short distance to the central business district services and retail outlets. It is expected to be installed by late 2022.

Council thanks the Tasmanian Government for funding the installation and actively supporting the uptake of EVs state-wide.

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