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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# Huon Valley Council welcomes new Director Infrastructure Services and Strategic Projects Officer

The Huon Valley Council is delighted to announce it has recruited Lachlan Kranz to its Executive Leadership Team in the position of Director Infrastructure Services, while Mark Ballard joins our organisation in a new strategic projects role.

In his Director role Lachie will be balancing sustainable long term service delivery of infrastructure maintenance and new construction projects.

“Lachie comes to us with a strong management background gained from 15 years of diverse experience in the private sector and Local Government,” Acting General Manager Andrew Wardlaw said.

“Lachie has particular skills in asset operations and development, specialising in planning, procurement and process implementation. He has a proven ability to provide outstanding leadership in change management, the delivery of strategic objectives and cost-effective solutions.”

Lachie lives locally, is an active member of the community and is passionate about the culture and environment of the Huon Valley.

“We have every confidence Lachie will be a valuable member of the Executive Leadership Team.

As the Strategic Projects Officer for Council, Mark Ballard will be developing key funded projects and Priority Projects for the Huon Valley to bring them to investment-ready status and then completion.

“Mark comes to us with a great deal of experience in project management, having worked on a number of high-profile Tasmanian projects,” Mr Wardlaw said.

“Mark has a diverse skill set, which means he can think about the big picture, manage relationships with stakeholders, remove risks and adapt to change. These qualities will be important for delivering projects that meet the real needs of our community, including catering for our projected population growth of 17,561 to 20,454 by 2042.”

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Huon Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders said the Council looks forward to working with Mr Kranz and Mr Ballard.

“I would like to warmly welcome our new Director Infrastructure Services and Strategic Projects Officer to the Huon Valley Council,” said Cr Enders. “We look forward to working with Lachie and Mark to work towards and achieve the goals and vision we have for the Huon Valley community.”

Community members can stay up to date on local projects by:

- Visiting Have Your Say on the Huon Valley Council website at [www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/haveyoursay)
- Signing up for Council eNews on our website
- Following Council on Facebook and Instagram

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