

Media Response



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Media enquiry:

Hi media team,

Can the council confirm the three senior managers who have resigned to be, Michelle Hansen head of finance, Nicole head of governance and David Fice chief engineer and major project?

Is the council concerned about these resignations and it implications?

Are replacements to fill these roles already confirmed? If not, why and when will this be done?

Response: Attributable to Dr Marjan Hajjari, Executive Director, Strategy & Corporate Services

We are very proud that several senior council officers are progressing their careers with new roles, while remaining in the local government sector.

David Fice, Chief Engineer has recently taken a promotion to a role of Executive Director at South Gippsland Shire Council.

Nicole Rudden, Manager of Governance, Legal and Risk will soon take a promotion to a senior role in another local government organisation. After more than a decade of distinguished service to the Greater Dandenong community, Michelle Hansen will move to the prestigious Chief Financial Officer role at Boroondara.

These new appointments are a credit to our colleagues, and reflect the depth of talent we have in our senior leadership group.

We wish them very well and congratulate them on the next steps in their career.