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NEW BOARD MEMBERS JOIN THE WAR ON WASTE

With the *war on waste* at the forefront of public interest, concern and action, the announcement by the Andrews Government of two new directors joining the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group is timely.

The Group is charged with collaborating with councils, government agencies, industry, business and the community to guide the management of Gippsland's waste and resource recovery infrastructure, practice and sustainability.

Joining the action are newly appointed directors Siska Hester and Glenn Campbell, who bring the complement of Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group Board membership to eight.

According to Chair Cr Dick Ellis, the new directors join the Board at a particularly exciting time. With the spotlight on how waste and resources are utilised and valued, everyone is challenged to rethink the part they play.

"We welcome Siska and Glenn to the team; both bring with them a wealth of insight, skill and experience that will contribute to the direction of the Group in its work across the region. We are also pleased to have the re-appointment of director Chris Badger who will continue with the Board for another term."

"This is a great time to be involved; the changing dynamic of the waste and resource management sector is evident, and we look forward to the opportunities it brings," explained Cr Ellis. "Having a board with a diverse and committed membership underpins and enhances the Group's role in Gippsland."

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio said, "We're making sure Victoria is equipped with the people and resources it needs to reduce waste and costs to households. I congratulate the appointees and look forward to working with them as we strengthen Victoria's waste and recycling sector."

In recent times, a key piece of work for the Group has been the development of the Gippsland's Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan and, while new and returning directors will be part of its delivery across the region, out-going directors were heavily involved in its creation and finalisation.

The plan is the driving force behind the effective and responsible management of the materials discarded in Gippsland, for the next 10 years and beyond. It outlines actions aimed at improving the waste and resource recovery system in Gippsland and reducing dependence on landfills.

"Our outgoing directors Duncan Malcolm and Theresa Glab, among their many contributions and achievements, were instrumental in the development and direction of this plan for Gippsland," acknowledged Cr Ellis. "My sincere thanks go to each of them for their commitment and contribution to the role of the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group within the region."

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Additional information

Glenn Campbell joins the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group with over 15 years senior management and board experience. He has expertise in organisation design and behaviour, culture analysis, strategy design, performance and process improvement, and corporate governance. Glenn has worked for governments, government agencies and education providers since the mid-1990s and is experienced in the waste and resource recovery sector.

Siska Hester has expertise in environmental engineering and is a sustainability specialist. Through consultancy and her management role with V/Line, Siska brings to the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group skills and experience in areas including contamination and pollution, waste, energy use, biodiversity, and legislative compliance.

Both Siska and Glenn are Melbourne-based and have been appointed to the Board as skills-based directors.

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