



Media release

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New director for Clarence Valley Council

CLARENCE Valley Council has a new director of corporate and governance.

The position was created following a management restructure that resulted in the number of executive staff being cut from five to four. In that restructure the former role of executive manager of performance and governance was abolished and those responsibilities were redistributed – many of them going to the new corporate and governance director.

General manager, Ashley Lindsay, said the former Greater Taree corporate support executive leader Laura Black had accepted the position and would start with the Clarence Valley Council early in the new year.

Mr Lindsay said Ms Black was energetic and would bring new ideas and perspective to the council's senior leadership team.

He said Ms Black had 14 years experience in senior and project management positions across the areas of corporate support, social planning, community development and service delivery in local and state government sectors in NSW, as well time spent in the community service sector.

“She has an enthusiasm for delivering quality, value-for-money services to the community and holds qualifications in social sciences, planning and business management.

“She will bring a wealth of experience in creating a customer-focused organisation, providing services that are efficient and meet the needs of ratepayers.”

Ms Black said her experience in a council similar to the Clarence Valley meant she was familiar with the issues facing the council and community.

“I have experience with the challenges of limited resources to meet a significant infrastructure burden, an expansive area to service, coupled with the social challenges of attracting and retaining population and attracting development to ensure communities are connected and thriving,” she said.

Former Clarence Valley Council executive manager of organisational performance and governance, Kristian Enevoldson, has been acting in the new corporate and governance role and Mr Lindsay said it was a difficult decision to opt for an external candidate.

“Kristian has been with council for about four years and has a long history in local government,” he said. “He has been a valued employee and contributed greatly to the operations of council.

“We wish him all the best and are sorry to see him go.”

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