



HASTINGS COUNCIL
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Hastings Council Appoints Social Planner

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Hastings Council is pleased to announce that it has recently appointed Jordanna Blanch to the newly created position of Social Planner.

Jordanna comes to Council with qualifications and experience in the Town Planning profession. She has undertaken Social Impact Assessments on a number of development activities and her immediate role with Council will be to work with Government Departments, non-government organisations and the community to develop the new Social Plan.

"I'm thrilled to be appointed to the new role and looking forward to working directly with the community to develop the social plan," said Jordanna.

Under the local government and planning regulations all Councils in NSW are required to develop a social plan and report on identified access and equity issues in their annual report. In preparing the plan Jordanna will be organising a series of community consultations including meetings, community surveys and interviews.

"The previous social or community plan was developed in 1999 and the new plan is due to be implemented by the end of June next year. That will give me just over six months to do a review of all types of activities including social, welfare, health, housing and recreation and look at how they impact on our community."

Mr. Craig Milburn, Acting Director of Corporate and Community Services said that this is a new era in social planning for Hastings Council with many new initiatives being developed as the population grows.

Jordanna will also be working with Council Staff and the Community to develop the social infrastructure in new areas including Area 14 between Lake Cathie and Bonny Hills and Area 13 at Thrumster.

For further information about the social planning process contact Jordanna Blanch on 65 818 040

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