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Media Release

New independent member appointed to Council Audit Committee

Dr A.J. (John) Purcell, the Chief Auditor of CPA Australia, is the newest Independent member of South Gippsland Shire Council's Audit Committee. His recent appointment follows the retirement of Ms Theresa Glab.

The Audit Committee is comprised of Mayor Cr Harding and Cr Davies and independent members Dr Irene Irvine, Dr Craig Nisbet and now, Dr Purcell. Independent members are appointed for an initial three year term and second and final three year terms are available at the discretion of Council.

Dr Purcell brings with him extensive qualifications, business and Local Government experience. He is a certified practicing accountant, holds two undergraduate degrees in economics and business, a Master of Business Administration, a Graduate Certificate in Fraud Investigation, and a Doctor of Philosophy.

"We are extremely pleased to have Dr Purcell join our Audit Committee," said CEO Tim Tamlin. "He currently sits on the audit committees of Bayside, Banyule and Maroondah City Councils and was previously at Yarra City Council. He brings to us great local government experience in probity audits with major service contracts, internal controls and risk management."

"Coupled with the necessary interpersonal, technical and analytical skills I have no doubt he will positively contribute to our organisation and I am pleased to warmly welcome him to South Gippsland."

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