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New executive officer for Northern Futures

Lyn Morgan has been appointed executive officer of Northern Futures, taking over from Lou Brazier who has retired after ten years at the helm of the northern suburbs-based supported training and employment provider.

Ms Morgan comes to Northern Futures from the TAC where she manages the TAC's Records and Information and Business Enablement. As part of that role she has managed the Northern Futures traineeship program within the TAC.

Northern Futures chair Michael Betts said Ms Morgan bring with her a deep knowledge of Northern Futures programs and genuine commitment to improving outcomes for jobseekers in the 3214 community.

The appointment of Ms Morgan coincides with further change for Northern Futures as it enters a new era as Northern Futures Ltd.

Previously operating under the auspices of the Norlane Community Centre, Northern Futures Ltd will now be governed by a board with Michael Betts as chair, Dr Joan Benjamin as Deputy Chair, Matthew Grapsis (LBW) as treasurer and members including John Giacchi (TAC), Dr Louise Johnson (Deakin University), Nic Jarvis (Job Prospects) and Fiona McIntyre (Matchworks).

Mr Betts said the new structure would retain the valued contribution of the Northern Futures Steering Committee but the committee would now be called the Northern Futures Community Advisory Committee.

"These changes place Northern Futures on strong foundations to continue its work delivering innovative and place-based training and employment programs to the city's most disadvantaged jobseekers," Mr Betts said.

As founding executive officer, Ms Brazier was farewelled at the annual Northern Futures Industry Partners breakfast on Friday June 30.

She was acknowledged for her commitment to social justice throughout two decades in Geelong as well as her success in developing Northern Futures into a highly respected and internationally recognised organisation that represents a true collaboration between government, industry and community achieving sustainable employment outcomes for jobseekers living in and around the 3214 postcode areas of Geelong.

Mr Betts paid tribute to the remarkable legacy of Ms Brazier, "Lou has made an outstanding contribution to the northern suburbs and we wish her well in her retirement in the US."