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VICSES Heywood Unit has a new Unit Controller

Well known Portland businessman Charlie Debono, has been appointed as the Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) Heywood Unit's newest controller.

Mr Debono brings to the role over 35 years of experience as a VICSES volunteer, as well as experience as a Unit Controller, having previously been controller for the Portland Unit. Charlie, a VICSES Life Member, hopes to work with the Heywood community to expand the unit's profile, membership and capacity.

Charlie takes the reigns from Jeff Filliponi, who will step into the Deputy Controller role for the unit.

Members of the local community are encouraged to follow the VICSES Heywood Unit Facebook page to find out more about the unit and how they can get involved in supporting the Heywood community.

A VICSES recruiting campaign for a range of units including, Heywood, Dartmoor and Portland will run from January through to February.

Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact the VICSES Heywood Unit through Facebook (www.facebook.com/VICSESHeywoodUnit/), the VICSES website (www.ses.vic.gov.au) or by calling 1300 842 737.

Quotes attributable to Charlie Debono, VICSES Heywood Unit Controller

"I'm very lucky to be coming into the position with not only previous experience, but also the support of two past controllers to assist me in growing the unit. Together, our goal is to ensure the unit is well equipped to support they Heywood community."

"There has been a lot of work done in the past 12 months to look at ways that VICSES units within the Glenelg Shire can work together to improve service delivery to our communities, I'm hoping, with the support of the community we can build on this and increase our membership in the process."

Attached Photo: New VICSES Heywood Unit Controller, Charlie Debono with past controllers Jeff Filliponi, John Stirling and Wayne McKindley.

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