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Michael Stretton has finished in his role as General Manager of Waratah-Wynyard Council on a positive note with two new projects adopted at Monday night's Council meeting.

Mr Stretton was pleased to see The Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan and the Re-branding Strategy and the Destination Marketing Strategy approved at his final meeting as he prepares to take on the General Manager position with the City of Launceston.

He said was confident these two projects were a sign of a positive future for Waratah-Wynyard Council.

"I will certainly be following the progress of Waratah-Wynyard over the next few years," he said.

"With projects like the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan, upgrades to the Somerset CBD and the Table Cape development, there is a lot to look forward to.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Waratah-Wynyard and I wish everybody continued success in delivering what I know will be an extremely positive future."

Mr Stretton had his final day in the office on Wednesday, where he was farewelled at an afternoon tea attended by Council staff and elected members.

Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said Mr Stretton had set the Council in a positive direction since coming into the role in 2014.

"I think what the future holds for this Council looks very promising and that is a credit to the job Michael has done over the past three years," Mayor Walsh said.

"While we're sad that he's leaving, I'm pretty excited that he has got this new role and I think he thoroughly deserves it.

“On behalf of Council I’d like to thank Michael for the job he has done and we wish him the best in the future.”

Council is currently in the recruitment process for a new General Manager, with Director Infrastructure & Development Services Daniel Summers to act in the role until an appointment is made.

Mr Stretton will start his new role with the City of Launceston on Monday 16 October.

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