



SHG'S HEAD OF ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BIDS FAREWELL

Head of Organisational Development for St Helena Government, John Paterson and his partner Janine Egan, are leaving the Island on Friday 2 September to return to South Africa, as sadly Janine's father passed away over the weekend. They will remain in South Africa for the birth of Janine's second grandchild in November, before heading to the Island of Malta for the next stage of their life adventure.

John said:

"I arrived on St Helena in March 2015, excited to have been appointed, and privileged to be given the opportunity to positively contribute to the future of St Helena. I leave St Helena on a sad note. However, I feel honoured to have met and worked with many amazing people, all of whom are committed to the future of this beautiful Island and its people.



"I believe that by working together, we have built the foundations upon which the public service can become the place we all want it to be - a great place to work and serve the people of St Helena.

"I am particularly proud to have helped to facilitate 'employee voice' through the creation of the Employee Representative Committee, influenced thinking around improving pay and conditions for local SHG staff, and contributed to the establishment of the Community College.

"Because I am leaving earlier than planned, I have agreed to continue to support the public service remotely in developing an approach to talent management that will lead to more Saints in senior roles across the public service, and designing a development focused performance management system."

Janine added:

"Thank you to everyone for the thoughts and prayers following the death of my Dad.

"From the day I set foot on this beautiful Island, St Helena has been home and its people have become family. It has been an unexpected honour to serve as a Commissioner for the Equality & Human Rights Commission and I look forward to continuing to do so remotely. We will take wonderful memories of this Island with us when we depart and although we are leaving St Helena, St Helena will never leave us.

“We look forward to returning in the future. May this Island grow from strength to strength along with all the people who are blessed to live here. We shall miss you all.”

SHG would like to extend a warm farewell to both John and Janine and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

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