



The “Old School Farm” project

CYGNET COMMUNITY CONSULTATION 2018

Received Submissions

1. Please NOT a shopping centre,.....Affordable Housing , independent living units , Time to think of those in-need. Affordable housing for the Elderly who are looking to down size , ...cheap units for those that are struggling ,Please not a shopping center,.....time to look after the ones in need in our community.....
(RS 10/04/18)

2. Definitely not a shopping centre. (ST 10/04/18)

3. So have the council scrapped the plans they drew up years ago of extending Louisa street, 1- 2 br units set out in park-like area, sell blocks for private homes, shut the council yards and build a medical centre? They spent a fortune drawing up those plans.(TC 11/04/18)

4. We so need more housing it's so hard to find rental homes if your not lucky enough to own your own and they have to move out of their home town (MjMc 11/04/18)

5. A multi level carpark ?? ☺ (RB 11/04/18)

6. No shopping center.

There are lots of elderly, wanting to downsize, to smaller homes, or units.

Who do not want to move away. Could have a park like development around it also.

I still have the plans, that the council draw up years ago.

Perfect, for this use of land.

If a big housing development went in, it would ruin the township.

Already lots of houses gone in, around the outskirts of Cygnet. (SW2 11/04/18) [28 stars]

7. An off-lead dog exercise area would be great. As well as some affordable housing, with associated green, food production space. (IH 11/04/08) [9 stars]

8. At my stage in life, I would be interested in a retirement/aged care facility being developed in the Cygnet area. Cygnet has attracted an increasing number of ageing folk from the mainland who are venturing into country life and hobby farming with visions of sustaining a country lifestyle in old age. An option of downsizing within this community with support and care would be a comfort. (NMc 12/04/18)

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would be good. An aged care facility catering for paying and non paying residents offering needs based housing housing and care, nursing and independent living, activities and outings, and respite entitlement. Still room for gardens and outdoor facilities that the general public can share. Cygnet is not a poor town, it has many attractions and rates high on the mainland tourist route. All the more reason to consider what is required over the next 30 or so years – until all us baby boomers have past and another vision is implemented. (NMc 22/04/18) [19 stars]

9. I'm interested to participate and collaborate in discussions regarding the Old Cygnet Farm land and to contribute towards any formal proposal to Council.

I would like to contribute to a vision that incorporates a sustainable, affordable and inclusive housing model that may also incorporate (or be incorporated by?) a Neighbourhood House/The Cygnet Hub perhaps? Could we also consider income/employment streams such as Airbnb units (which might encourage some Council actions in this area?) or other progressive opportunity? Could the housing implement innovations such as Small Homes or be Modular to accommodate various family structures? [2 stars]

My particular area of interest is Youth Health, Wellbeing, Families and Futures (see Tassie Teen), and I have a community focus and approach. I am keen to be involved and look forward to hearing from you. (IC 15/04.18)

10. Regarding the consultation on the land in Cygnet, I would like to see the development of affordable housing with priority given to current residents of Cygnet who show a commitment to remaining in the area and contributing to the sustainability of the project. (AY 15/04/18)

11. Cygnet Swimming Pool

I would like to suggest the development of a heated community swimming pool with separate shallow area for children, mixed-use rooms to hire, a cafe/kiosk, a sauna, a playground and a nature trail in the grounds. To contribute funding to the development I suggest selling a portion of the land for private development.

A swimming pool would offer a number of benefits to the community, including:

- Convenience for regular swimmers who want to swim before/after work
- Remedial classes for the community's elderly and infirm who may find the distance to huonville and kingston swimming facilities too far.
- Local swimming classes and activities for Cygnet schools. For most this would be a short walk to the pool.
- It increases cygnet's recreational value
- Provides local employment
- Is an inexpensive and convenient winter activity in a heated community pool.

To offset running costs a small cafe/kiosk could provide snacks and hot beverages and mixed-use rooms for hire would provide something extra over other options in town e.g. a swim after a fitness class. One of the mixed used rooms could even be fitted out to use as a gym.

A local heated pool, sauna and nature trail is something that could become part of the daily routine for many members of the community. Whether that's laps before work, a sauna to relax and get the blood circulating on a cold winter's day, another activity for parents and children, or a daily walk through the

nature trail to clear the mind. For visitors it would be another reason to visit, explore the region, and perhaps stay.

An affordable pool would provide something of continuing value to the mental and physical health of the whole community, and a necessary asset for the region. Given the size of the site only a portion would be needed, leaving the remainder for other developments such as aged care housing and a dog exercising area.

(CL 16/04/18) [108 stars]

12. To the great TCA would like to thank you all for doing such a great job and in keep us informed. Would just like to suggest re the vacant land behind the new medical centre we would like to see it as housing following the 2009 plans, it would certainly help with the growing population and it is so central to the centre it may even encourage more buses.

Would also like to see a permanent ambulance stationed here in Cygnet now that we have some first class medical centres or the Huonville ambulance station extended to hold more. Anyway just a suggestion, keep up the good work. (D&SW 16/04/18) [2 stars]

13. It's Council land for the use of the community.... not land to be broken up and sold in parcels to private owners, irrespective of its end-purpose.

My thoughts...

1. The professionally-researched, landscaped and extensive planting of solely native species, showcasing permaculture methods;
2. expansive grassed areas with an appropriate blend of hard Kentucky Blue Grass, Fescue, Regenerative Rye, etc (similar to that on the Huonville Esplanade near the picnic area)
3. incorporation of a gentle amphitheatre-style area into the slope of the land, and a small, natural stage area for use by visiting musicians/performers, particularly in summer. We don't yet have a great outdoor venue for small musical events. We could use it as another annual festival or event venue!; and
4. incorporation of solar-powered lighting for the garden and stage.

If this vacant land was instead used for housing, the above issues would be more difficult to implement without creating such a space well out of town, or buying private land at commercial value.

We live here because of the small village and the uncramped lifestyle – not a small town filled with housing. The last thing I feel we should be doing is building more dwellings right in the middle of town. Spread things out and incorporate new green spaces between the small estates of houses/units. Establish these estates a little further out from the middle of town.

It's very easy to fix a housing shortage, but at what expense (financial as well as social)? Conversely, it's very difficult to fix a diminution of green space once the land has been developed. (AH 16/04/18) [11 stars]

14. I am a ratepayer in Cygnet and would love to see a beautiful park and running water over rocks like a brook using a pump to recycle water.

I agree with the philosophy of healthy parks healthy people.

I have seen some great parks in Qld.

A water theme and Japanese type setting with small bridges and wide paths for pushbikes and walkers/joggers together.

Tall trees for shade and beauty, evergreens and natives for birds and bees!!

A park with a slowly undulating walking tracks

Cheers hope this comes to fruition....a calming serene part of Cygnet!! (A 17/04/18) [8 stars]

15. I think the old school farm area should be made into a public swimming pool / indoor exercise area. As there is nothing down here with easy access. (EP 18/04/18) [7 stars]

16. Ambulance Station. Emergency Hospital Unit. Aged care Facility. Swimming Pool (TMD 18/04/18) [5 stars]

17. I think it should be something for the community. A good quality aged care facility. With an aging community, we will need this in the future and this land is flat with easy access to the town and facilities. It would be ideal for an age care home.

Low cost housing would also be good. It could help house both aging people who need to downsize towards end of life and also people who for social reasons require low cost housing.

Also there is need for a public heated pool, for hydrotherapy benefits for the aged or infirmed and also to provide facilities for children to learn to swim and for sport/fitness. (DC 18/04/18) [3 stars]

18. Cygnet has an aging population like most of Tasmania. Where are they going to relocate too. THIS area lends itself to a retirement village with gardens and community walkways. Cygnet folk should have a place to retire to in Cygnet, not be shipped off to Franklin or Hobart. The area has access to medical center, shops,library,cafe all within walking distance of this area of land. (JN 19/04/18) [39 stars]

19. The land could be divided into three main areas. The top (I think NW end) could be developed for town houses, probably 10-12.

The central part could become a purpose built conference centre, with a main conference hall, break out rooms and a kitchen to allow onsite catering. If the surrounding land was well landscaped, this could form parkland which would add areas for outdoor festivals such as the Folk Festival and Le Weekend.

Most of the town houses could be sold to recoup the development costs. Two to three should be retained to allow accommodation for visiting conference speakers or attendees (at market cost).

The bottom bit (SE I think) could be developed as an indoor pool and sports centre. This would be close to the Health Centres and help encourage healthy living, the prescription of appropriate activities and hydrotherapy/physio sessions, weights, pilates yoga etc and support the Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

People may say that Cygnet already has meeting places and outdoor parks. However, the meeting rooms need renovation and upgrading and the parks are too small. A conference centre would take the pressure off existing places and allow them to be closed during improvements. After their improvements, they could provide for exhibitions, varying activities and possibly a new home for the museum.

My suggested development might be expensive, but all would provide an income for HVC as well as a great asset for the Cygnet community and a beautiful venue for a wide range of conferences and the like, attracting business from Hobart and even interstate. (EH 18/04/18) [7 stars]

20. I would love to see a project that involves sustainable building, a true community garden, nature playground etc. An eco-village would be awesome!

HOWEVER... as a slightly less ambitious initial project my dream would be to see a plastic recycling plant as shown in the following link: <https://preciousplastic.com/>

Precious Plastic have put together the blueprints and all the information needed to build a plastic recycling plant in a shipping container... It's a totally awesome idea and one that's doable with some grants or fundraising. The blueprints etc are completely free.

Not only would such a facility help deal with our ever-growing problem of plastic pollution at a local level, it would set an example for other towns across Tasmania. Having a dedicated place to take your plastics would also encourage people to pick up rubbish around the town... knowing that it would then be turned into something useful.

Maybe we could include some sort of token system where kids (or anyone) could collect plastics, put them in the disposal unit and get a 'reward' in the form of tokens that can be exchanged for some of the goods produced. My 12 yr old daughter for one would LOVE to do this.

This set up of this project would require a few skilled people, but the biggest problem – HOW to do it – is all there for free at Precious Plastic. Once set up it could potentially be run by volunteers.

Anyway, thank you for your consideration. I have been wondering for a while how and where such a facility could be set up and now I see a little glimmer of possibility!

Also: include a food forest please! Loads of fruit and nut trees... there could be grape and kiwifruit vines, avocados even... mmm. Food for all

(FM 19/04/18) [47 stars]

21.

DEAR TCA
AND GOOD ON THE GM.
MONEY RULES, TASTELESS CRASS BUILDINGS
SURROUNDED BY 1.8M FENCES. HOWEVER,
THEY ARE SANCTIONED BY THE BANKS.
BUT DO WE NEED MORE OF THIS
STYLE. (THE FOUR BEDROOM ON ITS BLOCK)
OUR DEMOGRAPHERS TELL US WE ARE
ALL GETTING OLD AND OUR HOUSING
NEEDS ARE CHANGING. BREAK DOWN
THE FENCE, HAVE COMMUNAL LAND,
WITH SMALL PRIVATE PLOTS! BUILD
CON-JOINED THEY ARE EASIER TO HEAT.
GIVE RESIDENTS A GARAGE CLOSE BY FOR
CAR/CLITTER/SHOP, IT MAKES THE
DOMECILE SMALLER BETTER. SITUATED
ROADS IN THE SHADY SIDE. DOUBLE
STORY DWELLINGS REFLECTING LIGHT
CASTING SHADOW ON ROADS
SHORT TERM RENTALS AND SECURE
LONG TERM LEASES. STRATUM TITLE
AND THE BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK
A BODY CORPORATE TO OVERSEE THE
PROCESS AS IN LARGE FLATS.
SET ENVIRONMENTAL/ENERGY STANDARDS
AS A PRIORITY DOUBLE GLAZ MIN ETC
THANKS

(PM 19/04/18)

22. I think we owe it to the town's old folk to make sure they are taken care of when they decide to downsize and look for smaller places to live.

A perfect example is my old neighbour who has lived in Cygnet his entire life. This is his home – he doesn't know anywhere else. The idea that when he is forced to leave his house to something smaller and more user friendly will result in him having to leave his hometown is heart-breaking.

I am acutely aware that Cygnet has undergone some big changes over the last few decades and sitting quietly in the background are the old folk who have graciously watched their town be taken from them in some regards. They are an untapped resource. They are the connection to the town's past and they very often have a better understanding of what's best for the town's future.

It's our duty to look after them. It also looks after their families who won't have travel elsewhere to keep a connection with their parents/grandparents.

I think we should adopt a European model for the 'Old School Farm' and have our older folk as a central part of it. Provide independent living for them in one area, have your community gardens / permaculture garden next to them so that they can play a part in looking after it as well as perhaps incorporating school programmes where the school kids come down and work with the retirees. It's the absolutely perfect position to incorporate all of this. As well as being close to the medical centres which could also branch into the village to provide the elder care so desperately needed.

Cygnet prides itself on being a 'community' and central to this ethos is taking care of the older folk.
(BC 19/04/18) [9 stars]

23. What a wonderful opportunity we get, as a community, to have a say-quite unusual so we all need to get it as right as we can and be as happy as we can be with so many opinions to make the final decision. All the ideas cited on the handout, except for the shopping centre, sound great!

As we are all ageing, we need affordable housing for all, as close as possible to town facilities and in this day and age, all housing of course, needs to be energy efficient and in pleasing surroundings. Simple!!! It would be amazing if some clever person could come up with a unique proposal to set an example for other communities who would be envious of our community being able to have its say.

Many of us have moved here from elsewhere, mainly the mainland, and love the apparent simplicity of the town (although we all know it to be delightful layers of complexity) so the eco village idea appealed to us as long as it caters for a range of finances.

The site seems to lend itself to at least a nature/tree belt down the "gully", we'd hate to see any of the existing trees felled and no little boxes all in a row made of ticky-tacky please.

Thank you for taking this on board. Unfortunately my husband and I are unable to attend the Walk and Talk on Sunday but wish you success. Sorry we appear to be fence sitting with no real opinions, but it has been an interesting topic of conversation in our house which we wanted you to know happened so that it doesn't sound as if we are ignoring the situation. We'll be following it with interest and have to go along with those who have all the good ideas. (H&GS 19/04/18) [3 stars]

24. Firstly thank you for the invitation to submit suggestions for the development of the 'School Farm' site. I admire your decision to proceed in a fully consultative manner to involve the community and gather ideas. As a long-time resident of our lovely little town and a former student of Cygnet Area School I welcome this opportunity. I am unable to attend the 'walk and talk' session on Sunday so am putting forward some ideas of how I would like to see the land development to benefit our community.

These ideas would of course require the backing of a developer –

Independent/affordable living units for seniors and people living with disabilities – some of the units to be available for purchase and others under a rental agreement similar to the independent living rental units at Dover which are owned by the Huon Valley Council

Ideally a housing development would be enhanced by the inclusion of a community multi-purpose building for groups to meet and space for a community garden and outdoor areas for recreation. The multi-purpose space would also be a good area to cater for a small day respite facility.

Best wishes for a successful meeting on Sunday – I look forward to following the progress on your website.
(SW 20/04/18) [3 stars]

25. With an ageing population in the Cygnet area, I would like to see an Independent Living Units/Retirement Village, over 55's, model for this site, which could incorporate such things as a community garden, walking tracks etc, all within a landscaped garden area incorporating the current trees/vegetation. As people downsize, this would leave the larger homes in the area available for the younger generation with families. As one ages we need to live surrounded with like minded people of a similar age group, not young children/teenagers, counting out mixed living housing. If this is all too much for the council to handle, perhaps they could sell the land to a Retirement Group, such as, The Baldwin Group, which runs Vaucluse Gardens in Hobart, or Aveo, which operates Derwent Waters Village in Claremont, which is run as a cheaper model affordable for people living on a pension.

Council may be interested in a report commissioned by the Property Council outlining the savings to government of people over the age of 65, who choose to downsize to a retirement village, showing people are healthier, happier and living independently for longer, saving \$1.98 billion per year in federal aged care facilities. This is because people who live in the retirement village setting generally require to move into aged care on an average of 5 years later than the general population.

The full report can be viewed at <http://www.retirementliving.org.au/industry/services/research/>.
(LF 20/04/18) [35 stars]

26. Cygnet needs a pool!

http://www.vanderhoofpool.ca/pool_Benefits.html (MR 21/04/18) [6 stars]

27. Thanks for putting all of this together. I went to the Health & Wellbeing forum in Huonville last week, on your recommendation.

The dominant theme of the forum was easy access to greenspace close to towns. Somewhere with walking and low-impact exercise equipment (perhaps like the exercise equipment at Adventure Bay). A relaxing place for parents with young kids & for the elderly to feel safe & secure. I know we have Burtons, which is a great play area with bbq & skatepark and Loongana is lovely but is more of a thoroughfare for school buses during the day.

I like the idea of a swimming pool but this might be too expensive? The suggestions regarding calming streams, shady seating & fruit & nut trees, with vined walkways made from passionfruit & kiwis are great. Feeding our community while promoting exercise is a good idea.

If the land is sold off to housing it then becomes a private enterprise and Cygnet loses a great opportunity to use a block of land for the whole community. (GR 21/04/18) [14 stars]

28. The Cygnet Care Farm is a health and community development initiative, based on the well-established the Care Farm model that is common throughout Europe. Care Farming uses farming and horticultural practices in therapeutic ways. It combines healthcare, farming, horticulture, training, respite and community development into one holistic program. More details here: [The Cygnet Care Farm](#) (LC 21/04/18) [5 stars]

29. As a newcomer to the Cygnet community, it is an absolute delight to see the council and community working together towards a positive outcome. There is certainly a need for both aged care and affordable low-income housing. I would suggest rows of connected single-storey units surrounding a winding circular path, with ponds/streams/planted areas/communal veggie patch & chook run in the central corridor. It would also be lovely to integrate a child-care facility, so that the young and “young at heart” could spend time interacting. The “Tiny House” idea is also quite intriguing—is there any scope for a Tiny Village? (RS 21/04/18) [6 stars]

30. ELDERCARE FACILITY

Place for an Eldercare Facility.

Value: Shortage for elderly residence, Franklin Huon Regional Care
Ongoing waiting list for access including short term respite care.

Economics: supported by all all three levels government
Recurrent grant funding Commonwealth responsibility.

Work Opportunity: Diverse range of temporary and permanent jobs
Service jobs eg food produce supply, kitchen, carers
Careers, Nursing, Admin, Secretarial, grounds, garden
Trades- repair and maintenance.
With Thanks for your consideration (DD 21/04/18)

#2 The beauty of having an Eldercare built as hub on the old school farm site is that a location proximity produces a synergy bonus. For example Cygnet Meals On Wheels already occupies a south west section of the site, namely in the old municipal road works on the Golden Valley Road boundary where they have a small kitchen, fridges and space to arrange client distribution. With a fully equipped kitchen in an Eldercare with food produce from community garden the meal quality delivered can move up a notch. Instead of frozen food prepared in Cambridge the food can be local and fresh.

Other synergy examples would be the Child Care and Medical Services on George Street. With the former, a young mother can chose to work part time at the Eldercare with the convenience and assurance of having child care assistance on campus. The medical services proximity allows Ready access for consultation and if necessary emergency response.

Of course also close by we have the Fire Station and community nursing at the Health Centre. (DD 24/04/18) [19 stars]

31. Cygnet Old School Farm – “What would you like to see here?”

I would suggest that posing this question without considerable additional information is premature to say the least.

The presumption that the land can be used for various purposes presumes that any and all interested parties will accede to providing unfettered capital and ongoing financial input. The outstanding information

needs to be provided not in detail but with a cursory agreement for the relevant parties. A preliminary telephone call to the “providers” could provide direction as to possible/probable usage.

Questions

Huon Valley Council

- What is the current zoning of the land?
- What will be the process, if the land needs re-zoning? Hopefully this will not be a rubber stamping without due process,
- What are the Council’s financial drivers? Are the Council seeking maximum financial return on the land with minimal or no ongoing operating and maintenance costs?
- What are the Council’s financial drivers in respect of maintenance of any developed infrastructure? This could include Council controlled roads, kerb and guttering, stormwater systems, street lighting, etc.
- What will be the Council’s financial input should the current infrastructure require upgrading, not just local to the Old School Farm site?
- If the selected development is medium or high density housing with the nominal two (2) cars per dwelling what will the Council provide in respect of parking and driver/pedestrian safety in an already congested Mary Street?

State Government

- Will the State Government need to support the re-zoning of the Old School Farm site, if required?
- Will the State Government facilitate the planning and development process?
- Will the State Government support all and any proposed development on the site?
- Will the State Government provide financial support to the provision of additional infrastructure, maintenance of this additional infrastructure and additional services? This could include State controlled roads, law enforcement, etc,
- Will the State Government look to upgrade the current volunteer Fire Service to a permanent full time Fire Service depending on the style of development?
- Will the State Government provide a permanent full time, 24/7, Ambulance Station and paramedics depending on the style of development,
- Does the State Government have an economic development plan for the Cygnet and Huon Valley region? This could include development of employment opportunities, relocation of government services to the area, encouragement for businesses to relocate to the area, etc,
- Will the State Government provide financial input to the development of and support to the provision of public housing, aged care facilities, etc?
- Do the local and regional public and private schools have the capacity to support a medium or high density housing development? Should there be a shortfall will the State Government make provision of additional school facilities and staff?
- Depending on the style of development there may be a need for additional and enhanced public transport on the Cygnet, Huonville and Hobart route, this would need to include any additional senior school students having to travel to Hobart.

Services Providers

Taswater

- Will Taswater provide financial support to any and all proposed development on the site?
- Is the current water supply system capable of providing additional water?
- If the current water supply system is inadequate and the pressure in the system needs boosting to provide supply will the existing aging infrastructure be capable of withstanding the increased pressure?
- Will Taswater provide financial input to the development and meet ongoing operating and maintenance costs of the water supply system?
- Will any development be connected to the Cygnet sewage reticulation system and

treatment plant? Is the existing reticulation system and treatment plant capable of handling any and all styles of development?

- Will Taswater provide financial input to the development and meet ongoing operating and maintenance costs of the sewage treatment system?

TasNetworks

- Is the current electricity supply system capable of providing power to any and all styles of development?
- Will TasNetworks provide financial input to the development and meet ongoing operating and maintenance costs of the electrical reticulation system?
- I would assume that any style of development would specify that the electrical reticulation to the development would be underground with the significant costs being borne by the developer!

Telecom and Internet Service Providers

- Is the telephone and internet system capable of servicing any and all styles of development?
- Will the current NBN system cope with any and all styles of development?
- Does the Federal Government need input in respect of the provision of NBN services?

Local Service Providers and Businesses

- The local service providers and businesses need to be asked to provide their input in respect of their capacity to support the various styles of development. This must include the provision of medical services within the Cygnet region,
- Australia Post should be asked as to their capacity to support a medium or high density residential development with postal delivery services or mail boxes,

Environment

- Has the site been inspected for protected flora and fauna?
 - Will the various significant trees on the site be maintained?
- Without a response to the questions posed above it is impossible to provide a reasonable response to "What would you like to see here?"

The line of least resistance for all parties would be for the Council to sell the land for a single dwelling construction with the purchaser to meet all development costs. (BCS 22/04/18)

32. There has been some discussion today here at xxxxxxxxxx re the above development.

1. we believe it would be in the community interest to keep the land under public ownership.
2. popular comments flowed re the proposal to build a swimming pool facility, which includes an indoor heated pool.

Advantages:

Near the school for learning activities;

Rehabilitation uses for nearby health facilities;

Beneficial uses for all ages, all community members-

Recreational use -swimming fitness, BBQ areas.

Profitable suggestions for the self-sufficiency of the facility:

Kiosk; lease of times for activities such as carnivals, diving lessons, swimming lessons. (JdS 22/04/18)

33. Unfortunately I could not get to the walk & talk session but went for a walk around late in the afternoon.

The site is indeed unique and would be perfect for a Co Housing development of which there are many successful examples throughout the world.

Modest and affordable housing for families and retired or single people in a garden setting it would house more people than any normal real estate development.

Having had the experience of living in a "Lifestyle" retirement village I would be totally opposed to any proposals for such a development.

This is an opportunity to establish a community in the very heart of Cygnet which I seem to recall was once described in the Lonely Planet Guide as a place where ageing Hippies went to die. (GM 22/04/18)

34. Sorry I wasn't able to make the walk yesterday, but I have definite ideas about how the land should be developed in future.

I personally know three single mothers with 2-7 children EACH, who have had trouble finding accommodation in or around Cygnet recently. I believe this is due to local landlords becoming greedy as they know it's a closed market and they can basically name their price – they will all have an abundance of people to take up their leases at no matter the cost, because Cygnet is now so popular due to various personalities now living in the area and spreading the news about how good it is to live here, amongst other reasons.

Therefore, firstly, there needs to be some accommodation built for single mothers and their children: – houses large enough for 2-7 children to be accommodated.

The other housing areas I believe need attention are places for elderly men and women and IN PARTICULAR, elderly people of LGBTIQ persuasion as they are not catered for anywhere, specifically, in our society.

So affordable housing for all of the above groups INCORPORATING green space AND growing space is much needed, in my opinion.

There is also a need for a pool in Cygnet, recreational and/or therapeutic. Some people do not have the means to travel to Huonville, Port Huon or Kingston to access public swimming. The only available swimming pools in the area are privately owned pools and are not cheap to access, nor are they particularly accessible.

The thing we DO NOT NEED is an accommodation precinct owned by the wealthy who will never cease increasing rents and therefore exclude all of the above mentioned socio-economic groups from being able to access housing. Certainly, if the government now owns the land (and none of your advertising about this issue makes it clear who does own the land), it most definitely should be used to benefit the citizens of Cygnet and not the "landed gentry" or other financial stakeholders.

I hope you take the ideas of the people you have asked to participate in this forum seriously. (JG 23/04/18)

35. There are some who would like to see Public Housing built on said land. I know that that is "the" topic at present, but I feel that Social Housing should be closer to the city or suburbs that are closer to places like workplaces, hospitals and amenities that would be more useful to them and not making Cygnet full of out-of-work people. An Over 55's or Individual Living gated complex would be best served there, possibly with a parkland area and paths for all to enjoy. People may decide to "downsize" as they get older and as children leave home but there is nowhere in Cygnet that they can do that now and they may just like to stay here rather than move to another area. Also the area is close to two medical centres, walking distance for those who are able, also to shopping and the pharmacy. A parkland area and paths (green space) would be a welcome place for not only Cygnet residents but for those travelling around our beautiful valley. **No Social Housing.**

Whoever takes on this challenge will have a big job on their hands so it needs to be done with much consultation and professionalism. Obviously Council wants money for other things and the sooner the better, but we need to take time and do the job properly. Cygnet is worth it. (AD 23/04/18)

36. We are very new to the area and I note the call for aged care facilities; however the reality of that is a considerable increase in use of infrastructure ie water, sewerage, phone, internet etc. Also the need to procure an appropriate developer who would expect to profit from what is provided.

To have an increase in housing for aged care, low income etc would mean dense urban development and minimal use for the general community as a whole. It could add employment, but that depends very much on the level of care provided for occupants.

A parkland type development, with extensive walking tracks, which allow people to walk their dogs (limited in town and a known benefit to health, as well as 25% of the population having them), addition of new plantings of trees and native plants, an art walk, or installations, a community food garden (to benefit low income or dense housing occupants as well as seniors who would appreciate the social benefit and a potential amphitheatre or area to host community activities. These may include festivals (Folk Festival and others) that would assist both community and tourism (in an ecological manner), bringing money, work and community together.

This development could if finance allowed (State government tourism development, local council funding, community fund raising) also include community buildings that would be for hire (weddings, fetes, weekend market extension on current main street use) and would similarly support bigger community activities such as a festival should it be considered appropriate.

None of the above would prevent further development as the town and region mature and could grow with available funding be it State, Council, town sourced or private funding.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on what could be a wonderful resource to the town of Cygnet which adds to the sense of community and regional development. (M&A 23/04/18)

37.

- Aging in place: all dwellings with wide doors /level access 'storage cupboards at entrance. Example: snug village.
 - Small dwellings with green spaces; energy efficient with solar panels; low toxicity building; water conservation system.
 - Centre of whole development green space with community garden; safe play area.
 - Periphery: low native shrubbery; around circular walkway
 - No cars internal access electric buggies (golf buggy style?); bikes.
 - Mostly small blocks to allow for low cost small dwellings (example unit, 4 Christina Street) available for viewing.
 - Consider ancillary dwellings for larger blocks (example 4 Christina St).
 - Major plantings to be native/food plus companion flowering plants to attract bees & birds (calendula, borage, purple clover).
 - Cohousing approx 2 acres. Example Marlyn Rd. South Hobart. Govt funded; tenants later achieved titles. (MJ24/04/18)
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39. (NOTE: this submission was not displayed on Sunday 6th May as the text was not received in time)

Preamble

Huon Valley Council has requested development suggestions for a parcel of land in central Cygnet bordered by Frederick, Donohoe, and George Streets and Golden Valley Road.

The total area for potential development, excluding the easement owned by the Department of State Growth but including the Council depot in the south-west corner, is approximately 3.7 hectares.

Given that the easement, originally proposed as a Cygnet by-pass, is now very unlikely to be developed as a by-pass or road the total area could be 4.2 hectares, ten acres.

A large part of the land has mature trees growing on it and is affected by water runoff and areas prone to water saturation. The land is gently sloping, forming a shallow valley from Donohoe and Frederick Streets and Golden Valley Road down to the eastern border (George Street).

Discussions with local people clearly indicate that a suburban development in which the land is filled with houses, such as Lourdes Rise or Ranelagh, is not desired and will be strongly opposed. Neither is any development that will cover the land with man-made structures.

Suggestions have been proposed to develop the area as parkland. However, it is recognised that there is opposition to this proposal, citing the existence of Loongana Park and Burton's Reserve, although these have been described in a previous report as inadequate.

Although a number of suggestions have been proposed, they are not necessarily mutually exclusive; with creativity and planning, these can coexist to the benefit of Cygnet as a whole and the community that would form in the new development.

Suggestions

- That action is taken, as soon as practicable, following this latest survey.

There have been a number of surveys, planning schemes, concepts, proposals, etc over several decades (2010, 2009, 2003 and earlier). The residents of the Cygnet area want foreseeable and concrete actions.

Rationale: Consensus is an unlikely scenario in a democracy. Calls for it are too often an excuse for inaction, inertia.

Similarly, requests for interim planning schemes, concept designs, etc are also excuses to be seen to be doing something whilst delaying any real action for a future date.

- Independent living housing/units for retired people. These could be a mix of 1, 2 or 3 bedroom independent living apartments, serviced apartments and studios.
- Housing units for retired people as above including a small development for higher needs retirees as per Huon Eldercare, Franklin.

Rationale: Previous consultations with Cygnet area residents have shown a strong demand for retirement living within the area for locals.

There is a growing and increasingly urgent need for retirement facilities for people in the local area. A COTA representative has stated that there is a waiting list for retirement accommodation.

Many of the aging population do not want to move from the area but are, and will increasingly be, unable to care for their current, often large, blocks of land.

Older people have strong ties to family and friends in the immediate area, and moving outside to aged care facilities in Franklin, Kingston or Hobart will, quite rapidly, lead to a loss of contact with most if not all family and friends.

Being able to 'retire' in the local area will make the decision to sell their properties and move out easier thus freeing up land for new residents and possible subdivision for new developments and families.

Many of the residences of the older population are high maintenance and not necessarily energy efficient. Moving in to new, smaller, energy efficient properties within central Cygnet will allow older residents to remain independent in their own properties longer and make home care a more practical and cheaper mode of support.

Providing needed housing for retirees will not require the creation of new jobs for the retirees but will create some opportunities for those looking for work in the area, both at the Old School Farm and during the transition phase as retirees move from their previous properties to the Old School Farm. Further work may be possible with the development of older properties.

- Room for expansion of the existing medical centre on George Street to cater for the expected growth in the number of older retirees.
- Each dwelling must have its own outdoor space.

Rationale: People used to having their own property, especially if they have owned farms or large blocks will require a degree of outdoor privacy for their mental well-being.

- Most dwellings to have a carport.

Rationale: Older people will often have a vehicle and will prefer to be self-sufficient for as long as possible. Public transport is very limited. Carports can also be used as outside drying areas, reducing the need for clothes dryers (energy).

- All dwellings must be built to the maximum energy efficiency rating and include solar hot water or hot water heat pumps, solar energy panels and batteries. Heating for dwellings can be done by using solar or heat pumps to generate hydronic heating.

Rationale: Rising energy costs from conventional systems (wood, coal, gas, hydro) is constantly rising and contributing to living-costs stress. Minimising the need for these systems will allow retirees to enjoy the basic requirements of heating, light, and electricity without the constant worry of cost cutting.

- All dwellings to be connected to NBN.
- All dwellings to be connected to an emergency contact.
- All dwellings to have a harmonized design consistent with each other and their location.
- One dwelling to be allocated to a residential maintenance officer. This person to be responsible for the good order and maintenance of the Old Farm.
- Public lighting on The Old School Farm to be solar.
- Consideration to be given to CCTV to be attached to the solar lighting and monitored by residents.
- Flow off from The Old School Farm to be stored for use on the property at times of water shortage; i.e. a self-sufficient, solar-powered irrigation system installed.
- Maintain a large amount of open space: at least fifty percent. This still allows a largenumber of individual dwellings to be constructed. (100 - 180)
- Maintain, as much as possible, the existing trees and natural watercourses. (Majority of mature trees are on the road easement.)
- Maintain, as much as possible, the 'nature' of the existing landscape. That is: do not bulldoze the land to create large, flat areas.
- Maintain the main, natural watercourse as a native/recreational open space.
- Make provision for practical purposes such as a community garden and permaculture in the form of fruit trees and shrubs.
- Develop most of the open space for active and passive recreation, i.e. walking tracks, small sitting and/or meeting areas, native vegetation, community garden. This open space to be for the benefit of the residents of the development and the greater Cygnet community.
- Do not develop isolated blocks of open ground. The open areas should be connected allowing for recreational purposes such as walking. Some of these pathways could be developed alongside one-way access roads for garbage collection and residents' own vehicles.
- Maintain the current four access points (this includes the current council depot site).

These points to allow vehicular access to the development: garbage collection, emergency services vehicles, residents' transport.

- Minimise the construction of 'solid' fences such as closeboard or edge fencing. Private areas may need to have 'open' or 'low visibility' fencing to allow residents to keep pets. Open or low visibility fencing allows for the penetration of light and air in to small, enclosed areas. Low growing hedges may also be an alternative to fences.

Rationale: Avoid the claustrophobic, isolating tone or character of most modern residential developments whilst maintaining a degree of privacy and village character.

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The slope of the land may permit the development of some two-storey townhouses without obstructing the views of current residents.

Low/medium density housing, Sandy Bay, 2-storey.

Area: 3300m² 10 townhouses each with carport or parking space and private yard includes driveways

Number of dwellings possible per hectares = 30



Medium/high density dwellings single storey two/three bedroom carport driveway

Cygnet

Area: 1431m² 3 villas each with carport and private yard includes driveway

Number of dwellings possible per hectares = 21

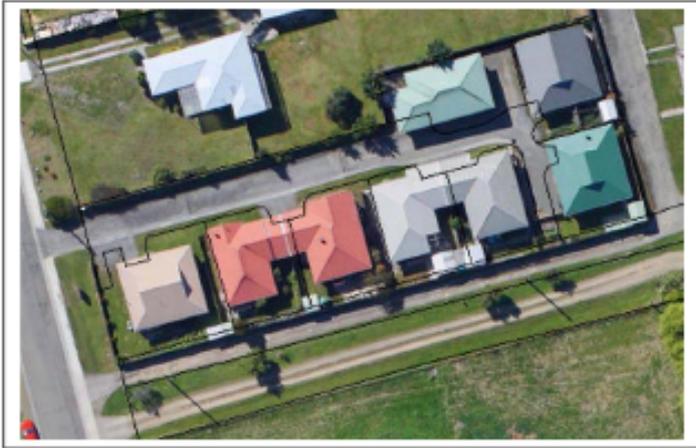


High density dwellings single storey one/two bedroom

Cygnets

Area: 2226m² 8 dwellings each with car space and very small private yard includes driveway

Number of dwellings possible per hectares = 35



40. Regarding use of the land, I think Cygnets needs a Pay-for-use shower.

Unless they have booked accommodation, many backpackers/pickers/itinerant workers have nowhere to wash and must travel to Huonville to get clean. Let's support our workers and tourism. A shower would only take up a little room (LA 24/04/18)

41. I would like to see affordable housing for seniors, similar to a motel or terrace houses. A mountain bike pump track and JLcommunity garden would be good (JL 25/04/18)

42. Think this land should be used for affordable housing, with a mix of for sale and rental. It is ideal for older people or those who don't have a car, being in walking distance of all Cygnets amenities. The aim should not be to squeeze in as many dwellings as possible, nor to have every dwelling fenced off.

The ideal would be some cluster housing with some shared space, "allotment" patches for food gardening and a small meeting room for hire or community events. It should not be just for older people, but for a mix of ages, but not too many fenced off properties suitable for small children.

A small aged care place would fit in too.

BTW. Who is to pay for all this? (ER 25/04/18)

43. Definitely no shopping centre, carpark or larger than 1 storey infrastructure. The view of the little valley here from the road west up to Golden Valley is peaceful, green and a breath of rural fresh air, linking downtown Cygnets to the surrounding farmlands and bush. It would be a huge mistake to build inappropriate 2- or more storey developments in this 1-storey area. I would support an eco-village, community garden, parkland, retirement village or low-cost housing as long as the above characteristics are preserved. An access walking track and green space could be developed along the intermittent creek, linking with roads to the west of the site.

A heated swimming pool would be a great idea, 25m or more for lap swimming as well as recreation. With some green space, eco-village etc next to it. Would be therapeutic as well. (FB 27/04/18)

44.

- Plan for Future Needs. Education Health Sporting
 - Do not Privatised unless say Nursing Home facility
 - Do not sell off. Some areas may be leasehold, rental, State or Government funded
 - Identify Developmental space for future expanding Health Service needs. Access off George St. Eg Community Health- Dental, Child Health services, Mental Health, Rehab.
 - Retain as green space until funds available.
 - Construction of indoor 25 metre lap/training pool that is wheelchair accessible. Location near current Medical facilities. Include accessible shower/toilets./ change rooms Solar heated off the grid. Use for Learn to Swim programs- early childhood/ primary school students / Rehabilitation - post injury, post surgery/ acquired brain injury
 - Construction of 1-2 bedroom Independent living units that are wheelchair accessible. facilities to include provision for ceiling hoists in bathroom bedroom areas. Appropriate height benches etc with electrical planning for future technologies. For younger disabled, acquired injury and older disabled. Provision for attached undercover parking and turning areas
 - Network of wide accessible, well lit pathways to connect units to other facilities and to low impact exercise areas. For use by individuals or groups for rehab exercises . Restricted access to bicycles, skateboards and 2 wheel scooters for safety concerns.
 - Construction of Community Hall with rooms available for Community groups to conduct meetings, activities, educational and exercise programs.
 - Include public toilets and showers and commercial kitchen area for use in any Community Disaster situations
 - Creation of low impact gardens, scented gardens and open cultural spaces. (HK 28/04/18)
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45. Ideally, I think the site could be developed as an Eco Village, with small scale 2 bedroom town-house style homes for both first home buyers and older people looking to scale down to smaller accommodation. A central hall for activities such as meetings, yoga and showing films. A perma-culture garden to supply food, maintained by residents, plenty of green space with trees and outdoor tables and seating, with walkways and boardwalks in lower lying areas (BOR 30/04/18)

46. This consultation by TCA is great for Cygnet because it provides an opportunity to suggest develop something very special and innovative. Any development on the site should take into account future needs of the area and should be as environmentally friendly as possible, while providing for housing, gardens and park areas – and perhaps even a community centre. This site has the potential to make Cygnet a showcase for sustainable building and landscaping.

The nature of the housing needs broad discussion – it should be inclusive with small dwellings and as much common open space with pathways as feasible. The design should be built on the principles of water sensitive urban design (WSUD), with as much of the site as possible having permeable surfaces (rather than concrete), and the existing waterways enhanced with native vegetation.



An example of a housing development along these lines at Castlemaine in Victoria, is presented in the current issue of Renew magazine (April/May 2018) and illustrates the potential for energy efficient dwellings with parking around the perimeter, gardens and a microgrid providing electricity. (ES 01/05/18)

47. I would like to submit the following suggestions:

1. **1. Small Housing Development:** I have recently heard from COTA (Council on the Ageing) that there are waiting lists for access to suitable accommodation for elderly people throughout Tasmania. Therefore I would suggest that **small houses or units, which will provide independent living for older people, should be built on this site** in order to assist in reducing these waiting lists.

This is particularly important for Cygnet because there is already concern about the ageing population and there are already a number of people who would like to downsize their homes but can't because they don't want to leave Cygnet and there is nowhere suitable in Cygnet for them to go.

The Old School Farm site is perfectly situated for such a development, within easy walking distance of two medical centres and the local shops. Older people living in accessible accommodation would also provide jobs for younger residents and will not be competing for jobs themselves.

The units should be well designed and of a consistent style to ensure that the development enhances the area and, ideally, they should be built sustainably.

2. **Open Space:** Recent Health and Wellbeing Forums conducted by the Council have emphasised the importance of easily accessed green space in and around the Huon Valley townships. Consequently I would also suggest that **at least half of the area should be retained as green space for the benefit of all the people of Cygnet.**

This will enable the residents to socialise and exercise easily as well as providing additional parkland for Cygnet families. The newly built skateboard park at Burton's Reserve is an excellent and extremely popular asset for the young people of Cygnet but it has put more pressure on the reserve which may impact the birdlife. This additional parkland at Old School Farm would help to reduce this impact by providing space and facilities for other activities. These could include picnic areas, walking tracks, a community garden and an historical precinct. Such a precinct could include artworks illustrating the history of the area with input from current students at Cygnet Public School. It could even be developed into a tourist attraction as part of an historical walk along Golden Valley Road and around Cygnet.

Retaining this green space will also enable the existing mature trees to be preserved and will allow for further planting for the benefit of native birds and animals.

Access to the parkland should be facilitated by the provision of green walkways between groups of housing based on the model which Council has used to provide a variety of access points to the Skinners Creek Track in Huonville. (VA 01/05/18)

48. I attended the walk and talk on the old school farm grounds and thought it a very interesting space for the community to have input.

I would like to see a mix of older people and younger families, so some retirement units but also low cost housing for younger families and single parents. In my mind a couple of houses could be dedicated to refugee families who aspire to settle in a rural environment.

A community garden would be essential to bring people together as gardening is a positive way to establish relations with others and with one's own self and environment. Its healing power should be the heart of the development. Being responsible for the productivity and care of the garden will extend to caring for the

grounds and buildings and by extension people.. I think there should be a “shed” type space in the community garden where people can have a cuppa and excess harvested produce could be stored and/or sold.

It would be really good to feel that a real sense of community develops there between people of all ages and backgrounds. (SM 02/05/18)

49. I would love to have a community garden incorporated in this space (AP 02/05/18)

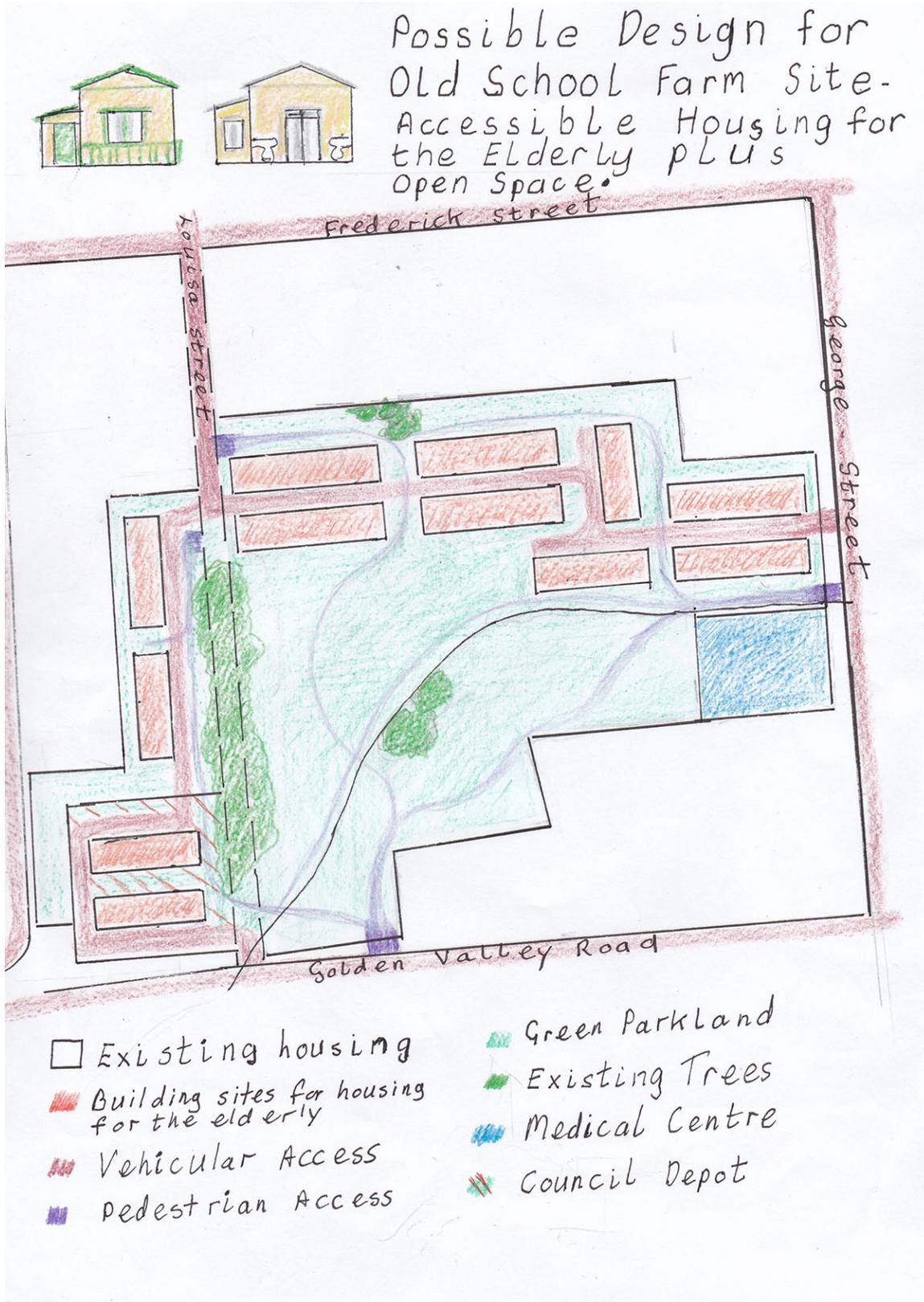
50. Cygnet is a beautiful little town with a really lovely ambience and community feel about it. We have a higher proportion of people over 55 in the 2016 census than almost anywhere else in the country and I support the call for some sort of retirement village and aged care. As someone else suggested, people who could afford it, could buy in, but it should also be open to people on government pensions who do have limited financial resources. It should have a strong ecological or garden setting and include community gardens so that residents can grow their own produce to help support the facility. Just because older people decide their large parcel of land is getting too much for them, doesn't mean they become decrepit and lose their ability or interest in the community or in the activities they engaged in previously.

It is a big area and I think it would be important for the facilities to be as integrated with the rest of community as possible. I note suggestions for an indoor pool which is a great idea and this could be used by the residents and the broader community. They could include aquarobic classes for residents and the community, as well as being accessible for children and others to learn to swim. There could also be room for a recreational building which could host community meetings and exercise classes like yoga, pilates etc. Again, these should be inclusive to both residents and the broader community. (SW 03/05/18)

51. I am not sure what suggestions have been made, but as a mother of 3 children and young family I think a nice indoor swimming pool, PCYC type of community based gym and youth centre would be fantastic. Would provide employment opportunities and provide some sport activities for young people within community.

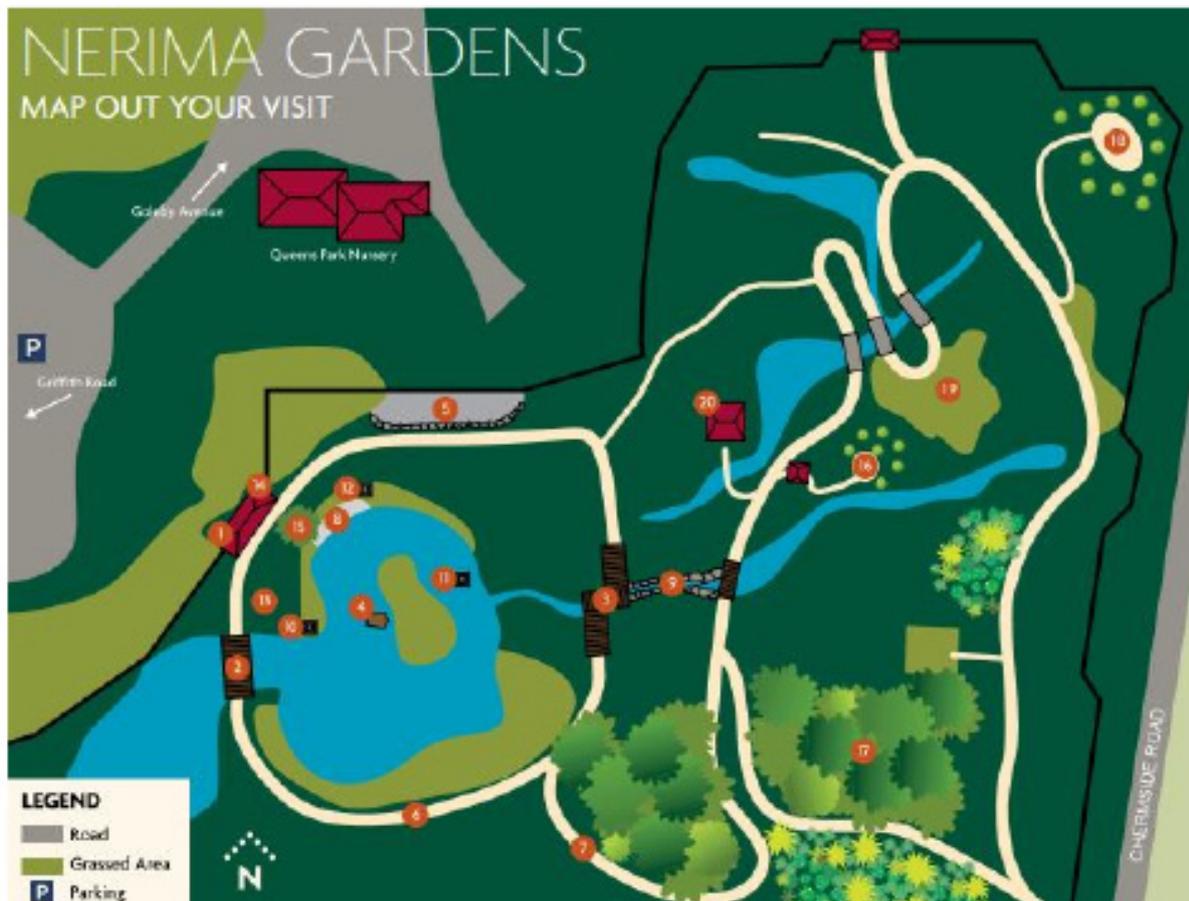
Possibly could fit in some housing options of a nice design with a community garden for the older generation to be integrated with the young ones. (JK 04/05/18)

52.



(Anon 04/05/18)

53. https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_ipswich/parks_reserves_precincts/parks_search/nerima-gardens-queens-park



COMMENTS Re. SUGGESTION: MM

1. *"What are you suggesting? The whole area or just part of it? Who would pay for it? Who would maintain it?" (JS 09/04/18)*
2. (MM 12/04/18) Obviously we couldn't have anything quite as extensive and elaborate as Nerima. However, my idea was that I thought Nerima Gardens was the sort of community initiative that worked well in Qld and could work well in such a central position in Cygnet, in that it is easily accessible to residents and visitors, incorporates extant mature trees, has winding paths that maximise different views and prolong the walk, provides a peaceful place to walk or sit, and lends itself to community involvement both in construction and maintenance. It could provide a space of beauty, usefulness and heritage value into the future for Cygnet. For Cygnet could even incorporate sculptures by local artists dotted around, and murals on the back of fences, and be called the Cygnet Art Garden, and become a place tourists sought to visit. Personally, I would prefer the whole 10 acres to be park, but I have noted the number of pleas for social housing already on the website. I also note that Council would receive no proceeds of sale and no rate payments from a park, as opposed to from housing of some sort. If I had to advocate for part of Old School Farm only, it would be the Golden Valley Rd side of the Farm site so as to protect and preserve the mature trees there, in particular the two conifers, which I'm told are rare. Rough boundary suggestions only.

I have no experience in planning, nor am I good at costing landscaping.

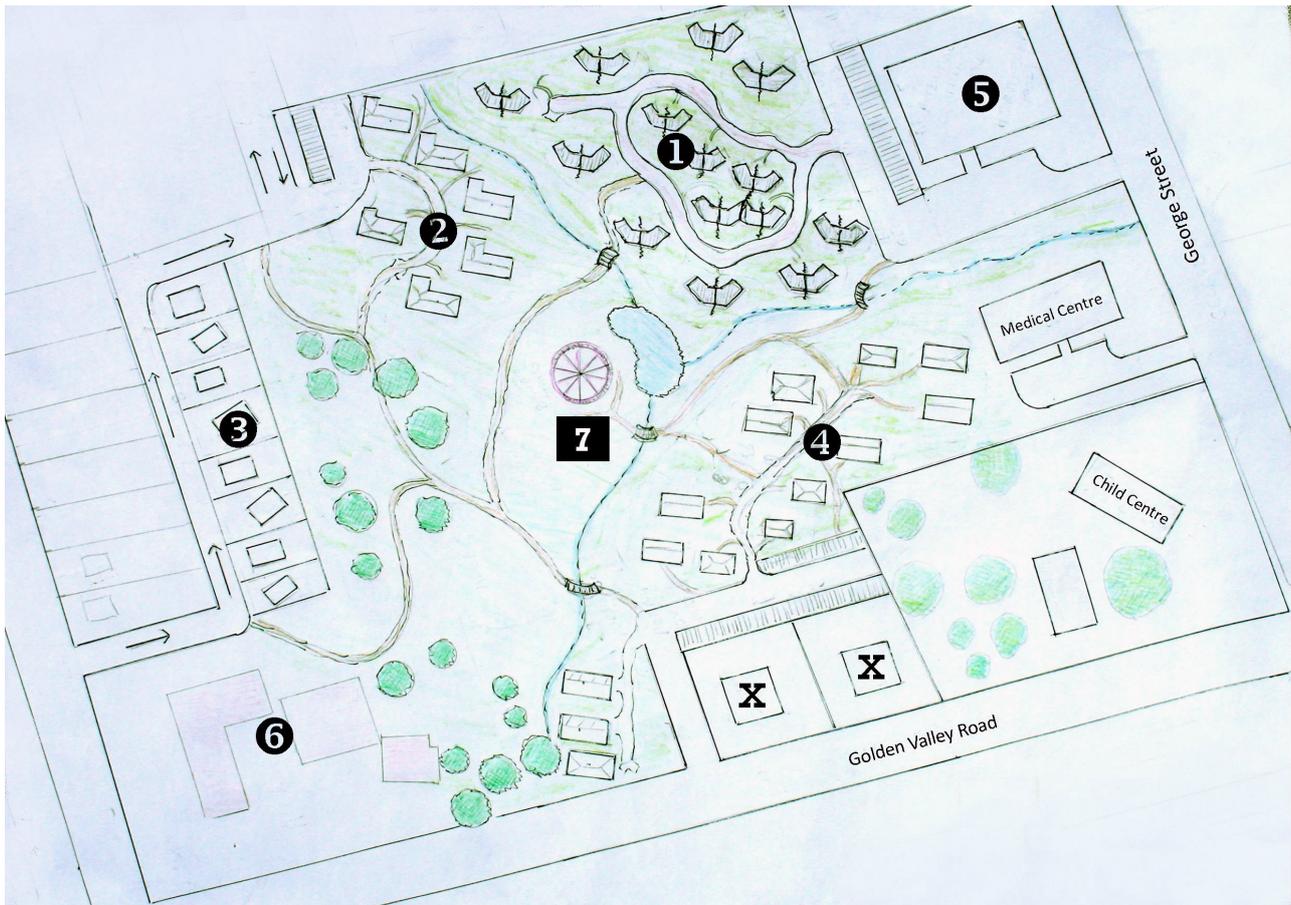
My off-the-cuff ideas re funding are:

1. A landscaping plan by a kind landscaper with park experience?
2. Volunteer construction, hopefully with Council contribution. (It doesn't have to be constructed overnight, and could be an ongoing project as funds and materials become available.) Labour and materials including plant tube stock to be contributed by Cygnet residents, as well as school children and the usual community groups that do so much for our township.
3. Maintenance: Volunteer labour and secure "gold coin" metal boxes at intervals in the park asking for contributions to upkeep. An educational component by school children providing some occasional labour?
4. The usual cake stalls, quiz nights etc to raise funds.

As far as funding generally, I imagine that others in the community could have useful and realistic suggestions and planning experience.

I wonder whether other Councils in Australia have achieved something like this on a largely volunteer basis? Perhaps advice could be sought from them. (MM 09/04/18)

54.



Legend to explain the use of different areas on the site:

AREA 1 – 14 conjoined independent living units (28 total)

AREA 2 – 6 dwellings with potential for group housing, share accommodation and short-term rental accommodation

AREA 3 – 8 dwellings designed as appropriate sustainable housing to be sold off the plan and/or as co-housing to raise funding for other infrastructure on the site.

AREA 4 – 11 affordable housing units for sale or rent as affordable housing under Community Land Trust model (or similar), plus 3 buildings for accommodation for visitors to residents on the site.

AREA 5 – Community Centre with meeting rooms, kitchen, public toilets and potential for a hydrotherapy pool

AREA 6 – Council Depot site – potentially contaminated land could provide site for tiny houses with facilities for shared kitchen, public toilets and showers.

AREA 7 – Central area for public access with existing native vegetation, walkways throughout, a covered circular structure as a community meeting space (for pop-up stalls etc), community gardens as requested by community groups and additional landscaping in native and exotic plantings including food plants, including enhanced water features such as potential creeks and a pond.

X – indicates existing houses

The following suggestions are consistent with the principles of a circular economy, including use of as many local materials and skills as possible.

- All housing to be solar passive, sustainable and built by local trades using local materials where feasible, with training components for local people.
- All housing to include solar electricity generation with microgrids, connected to the mains supply, as appropriate.

- Landscaping to include existing native vegetation with walkways throughout and additional landscaping in native and exotic plantings including food plants.
- Design to be based on water sensitive principles, to include as few non-permeable surfaces as feasible and water collected off roofs to be used onsite.
- The dwelling numbers for each complex are indicative only and to be determined when formal plans are developed.
- No roads through the site but emergency vehicle access within each housing complex and with carports at each of the four road access points close to the housing complexes.
- Minimal fencing, especially not high fences between houses.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY HUON (CYGNET) INC (04/05/18)

55. What about something like this?



(BS 11/04/18)

56. The talking points contained here: [Healthy Parks – Healthy People](#) re green space are applicable not just to cities but to smaller urban areas also. What will Cygnet look like in 25 or 35 years from now? What might constitute a lasting and valuable legacy from the current generation to the next? Can Cygnet perhaps arrive at a win/win solution that provides attractive, affordable, appropriate and liveable accommodation in harmony with open space/gardens/walking tracks and or space for recreational and cultural activities and festivals. (DF 12/04/18)

57. Possibly part of the site should be something like this Dutch example: [Hogewyk](https://hogewyk.dementiavillage.com/en/stedenbouw/)
<https://hogewyk.dementiavillage.com/en/stedenbouw/>



(SYM 12/04/18)

58. (GVR 12/04/18)

Example of a Californian eco-village development.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmFVxPjG2JI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI3XXbsTizQ>

59. Sorry I am late with my comments about the Old School Farm land – thank you so much for coordinating the process, a great opportunity for real community input.

I support the ideas put forward by many others of having affordable inter-generational housing which has good sustainable design features (ie does not look like a new high density housing development and has solar power, rainwater tanks etc). In this precinct I think it is also important to keep a lot of common green space for community recreation and food growing.

I also agree with the comments about no shopping centre or parking area. (JA 07/05/18)

‘Cygnet Tasmania’ Facebook conversation: (FB 24/04/18)

CP: Forest

SC: The original purpose of it was to help educate people of being self sufficient in horticulture, I think it should go back to that where the community and the schools can use it for large scale gardening, so many young people and even older people aren't sure on gardening or where to begin. A community garden would be perfect.

MD: Great idea SC, The ability to grow food is a essential part of life!

SC: And it is fun to learn about the elements involved in it as I am still learning and will be for another few years

JJ: Yes a school farm, Stephanie Alexander kitchen garden program is fantastic, get the kids out in the fresh air, some kids just can't learn in the classroom, get them outdoor and teach them, hands on learning

SC: Or even a community driven program that brought both schools and community together and maybe even included TasTafe students doing Horticulture/Production Horticulture/CLM

SMcK: That sounds like a fantastic idea. It would be great for adults who come from the city who want to

learn how to grow veggies.

JM: A school farm