

The “Old School Farm” project

CYGNET COMMUNITY CONSULTATION 2018

This ~ 4 ha / 10 acres of council owned land in the heart of Cygnet is going to be developed.

What would you like to see here?

Recreation? Housing lots? Nature trails? Social and/or affordable housing?
 Eco-village? Shopping centre? Community garden? Townhouses?
 Green space? Independent living units? Co-housing development?
 Permaculture village? Hospice? Retirement Village?

Process & Methodology

- In April 2018 we ‘letterboxed’ **every house** in the township, advertised prominently **for 2 weeks in the Cygnet Classifieds and the Huon News** and posted on Social Media to let the community know about the consultation.
- We asked anyone and everyone who has an interest in the future of our township to give some thought to how the land should best be used.
- We conducted a ‘walk & talk’ session on site which was reasonably well attended with over 30 participants. This generated some lively discussion and exposed the passion that some feel for their hometown.

- We invited submissions over a period of three weeks. Over 50 submissions were posted on our website as they came in. These were anonymised to remove (as far as possible) the personality considerations that inevitably crop up in any small community.
- Many of these submissions were surprisingly detailed and indicated real community concern
- On a market day in early May we held a display of all the submissions (more than 50) in the Town Hall Supper Room and invited the public to comment on them.
- 141 visitors came on the day, between 10am and 2 pm on Sunday 6th May in the Cygnet Town Hall Supper Room: 131 “Cygnet and district” residents, 7 “Huon Valley” residents, 3 “Tasmanian” residents, and 3 Australian residents viewed, studied, awarded stars to and commented on the various ideas submitted.
- As well as making written comments on ‘Post It’ notes, they were all given 5 stars to award to the ideas that they felt most represented the way they thought.

We were very pleased with the participation and with what were the mostly thoughtful and considered comments and responses from the community.

While it may be difficult, at first glance, to discern a clear outcome it is immediately clear that the community cares about the future development of this strategically located site.

During the exhibition of submissions we asked attendees to consider the following:

CONTEXT #1

The “Old School Farm”,
the adjacent vacant land and the Council Depot
belong to Huon Valley Council (HVC).
HVC has development plans for Cygnet.

**These are outlined in the
2004 & 2009
Cygnet Township Development Plans**

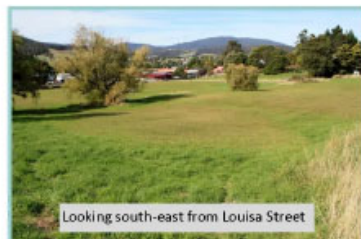
Both these development plans include building an access road “behind” the shops to take traffic and parking pressure off Mary Street and generally open Cygnet to the east.



*This is from the
2004 CTD
The 2009 plan
shows the
northern end of
the access road a
the new post
office.*

CONTEXT #2

HVC have indicated that they are considering at least partially financing the **Cygnets Township Development Plan** by selling or developing part (or all) of this 10 acres / 4 ha of currently vacant land.




CONTEXT #3

Many of the suggestions that have been received do not consider financial constraints.

It would be unrealistic to imagine that HVC will consider any development that does not provide:



- . financial return in either the short or longer term
- . significant and demonstrable community benefit

OR, WIN-WIN, A COMBINATION OF BOTH

The Cygnets Association 
is asking your help in finding such an outcome

Whatever form of development HVC considers they will conduct a further Community Consultation Process.

This consultation is our means of providing community input at this early stage in the planning.

 As you award your 5 stars consider 
how the idea might be financed,
grab a Post-it and add your suggestions.

 or email to: contact@cygnets.org.au 

if you have a couple of million dollars to invest please let us know