



HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Invitation for Expressions of Interest: Operation of a self-contained recreational vehicle and self-contained caravan camping site on the land adjoining Heritage Park at Arve Road, Geeveston.

Date of Issue: 9 November 2018



The Huon Valley Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for an operator of a self-contained recreational vehicle and self-contained caravan camping site adjoining Heritage Park at Arve Road contained in Certificates of Title 1242531/1 and 64488/2 ('Attachment A').



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About the Huon Valley

The Huon Valley is a vibrant, semi-rural community located 30 minutes' drive south of the Tasmanian capital city, Hobart. It is Australia's southernmost municipal area with a population of more than 16,000 people.

The Valley's 5,497 square kilometres is dominated by meandering waterways and forested hills. The region's fertile landscape produces a dazzling array of quality foods that has helped Tasmania earn its reputation as a food lover's paradise with mushrooms, cider, cherries, wine, seafood, fruit and other gourmet delicacies.

About Geeveston

Geeveston is a small township nestled in the lower reaches of the scenic Huon Valley. It has a strong apple growing and forestry heritage and today caters for travelers and locals alike.

Surrounded by rolling hills and the nearby mountains of the Hartz Mountains National Park, Geeveston has a range of shops, eateries and local attractions and a main street with many hand-carved timber sculptures of famous locals. Apple orchards grow in the lush green valleys nearby and during autumn visitors can buy buckets of Pink Lady, Crofton, Red Delicious, Granny Smith and Fuji apples from roadside stalls – including the namesake, Geeveston Fanny apples.

There's also a creative community of artists and makers who sell their wares on the Main Street and at a regular market.

West of Geeveston is the Tahune Forest Reserve and the popular Tahune AirWalk and Adventures. Here you can walk amongst the treetops past rare species found only in Tasmania. The walkway rises up to 48 metres above the ground, and extends for around half a kilometer over the Tahune State Forest and Picton River, or take a white water raft trip down the Picton River.

The RV site is to be operated on land owned by the Huon Valley Council and located at Arve Road, Geeveston (being part of Council land comprised and more particularly described in Certificates of Title 124253/1 and 64488/2) as specified in Attachment A – The Site. The Council are calling for Expressions of Interest for an operator for the site based on prescribed criteria and having responsibility for a number of management areas.

The successful operator will commence operation of the site as soon as possible after selection by the Council.

Operator Responsibilities

The Operator's responsibilities for operation of the site include:

- Obtaining at their cost any necessary planning and building approval for use and development of the site;
- Entering into a lease or management agreement with the Council for the site;
- Calculating the fees and charges for camping based upon full cost attribution including a general rate equivalent, lease rental equivalent and tax equivalent;
- All costs associated with development of the site for the intended purpose;
- All costs associated with the site including, but not limited to, power, water, sewerage, rubbish collection and disposal, maintenance, mowing and cleaning; and
- Managing the site.

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest are to address the following criteria:

1. Establish their legal identity (private individual, Company, Business, Incorporated Association).
2. Provide the Council with a proposal which outlines:
 - Their proposed layout and design including any proposed facilities;
 - A business plan outlining their ability to undertake the use and development and provide ongoing management of the site; and
 - A projected budget outlining projected income and costs and demonstrate the ability to meet the costs associated with site operation.
3. Demonstrate their ability to manage the site.
4. Demonstrate the community and economic benefit for their proposal.
5. Demonstrate that they have or are able to obtain the necessary insurance for operation of the site.

Those wishing to lodge an expression of interest are to register with the Council through the designated email address. Briefings and cost equivalents may then be provided on request.

Submission Details

Operation of self-contained recreational vehicle and self-contained caravan camping site on land adjoining Heritage Park, Arve Road, Geeveston, Tasmania, 7116.

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Lodgement Details

Submission Closes	5pm Friday 30 November 2018
Submission Type	Hardcopy, Electronic Lodgement or via Tenderlink
Location of Lodgement	Huon Valley Council 40 Main Street HUONVILLE TAS 7109 or hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au
Hours of Access to Council offices	8.20am – 5pm Monday to Friday

ATTACHMENT "A" – The Site
Area of the land adjoining Heritage Park, Arve Road Geeveston
(Red Outlined Area)

