



# HUON VALLEY HUB

## Community engagement update

The Huon Valley Hub is a welcoming community space where community members can meet, connect with others, find out how to access services, and take part in social activities and workshops.

The Huon Valley Hub is located on the lower level of 23 Main Street, Huonville and includes the neighbouring Green Space at 25 Main Street, Huonville. It is close to public transport, services and businesses.

As we develop the Huon Valley Hub, we are keen to hear from the community about what they would like to see in both the indoor and outdoor spaces. Community members contributed to our survey and a summary of their ideas are below.

Council will now consider these ideas, identifying themes and available resources and develop a plan to incorporate as many ideas as possible.

We thank the community for sharing their ideas and ask that they sign up to Council eNews to stay in touch.

### COMMUNITY SURVEY

Community members contributed to our survey and a summary of their ideas are below. The number of respondents was 32.

#### Indoor space

##### HARDWARE or THINGS (in order of popularity)

- Workshop space
- Meeting space for groups
- Public Wi-Fi
- Audiovisual equipment
- Flexible space/furniture/partitions
- Youth-friendly



- Meeting space for one-on-one
- Exhibition space
- Public computer
- Noticeboard, information exchange
- Kitchenette
- Comfy furniture
- Seniors-friendly
- Family-friendly (breastfeeding, children's toys)
- Recording studio
- Piano

#### SOFTWARE or ACTIVITIES (in order of popularity)

- Creative classes and workshops including art, literature, dance, craft
- Wholistic health workshops like yoga, mindfulness, mental health
- Information sessions
- Exhibitions
- Aboriginal culture and history workshops
- Employment and job training sessions
- School holiday sessions
- Life skills classes (conflict resolution, parenting, finance, etc.)
- Repair café
- Free access to health professionals

#### Outdoor space

#### HARDWARE or THINGS (in order of popularity)

- Shade/cover
- Mini amphitheatre/small stage
- Trees
- Seating
- Native plants, grasses, greenery, bush tucker
- Lighting
- Water fountain
- Power
- Interpretation/wayfinding signage
- Public art



- Barbecue/woodfired oven

#### SOFTWARE or ACTIVITIES (in order of popularity)

- Music (live)
- Games
- Exhibitions (local art)
- Markets
- Cultural activities/workshops like gardening, dance, music
- Reading
- Board games

#### Other comments

- Ensure the space and activities are inclusive and welcoming to all
- Focus on youth
- Spaces need to be flexible for different activities and for future change
- Make the large cream wall a part of the project (mural, exhibition space, vertical garden, etc.)
- Whilst young people aged 18 to 24 did not respond to the survey, their input was sought through the Town Teams engagement

#### TOWN TEAM MOVEMENT

Town Team Movement has been engaged to help with a place based and community led activation project and will facilitate community engagement, workshops and helping people to get involved.

In the initial ‘discovery phase’ we explored the skills, resources and connection in Huonville and sought the community’s ideas through a ‘dotmocracy’ engagement activity and community workshops. Whilst not all ideas were relevant to the Huon Valley Hub, there are some suggestions which can be considered.

#### **Top 3 most popular categories were:**

1. Enhancing natural spaces
2. Beautification
3. Tourism

#### **Top 5 ideas from the dotmocracy engagement were:**



- More walks and wayfinding
- Bike trails
- Promote local produce
- More street trees
- Main Street makeover

#### **Individual suggestions included (in order of popularity):**

- Co-working space
- Celebrate the history of Huonville
- Shade trees
- Community NAIDOC week events
- More community activities
- More murals
- Bush food garden
- Recognition of local Aboriginal culture
- Public art
- One to one digital support
- Flash mob singing
- Young and old sharing knowledge
- Craft sessions
- Places for people to make music
- LGBTIQ+ friendly spaces
- Instagram spot
- Youth programs
- Mental health programs

#### **NEIGHBOURLYTICS**

Launch Cities is a purpose-built program for regional wellbeing measurement and analysis using the evidence-based [Social Prosperity Standard](#). In 2020 Neighbourlytics invited the Huon Valley Council to establish a wellbeing analytics baseline for our municipal area and empower decision-making through developments in data.

Some of the data that can inform the Huon Valley Hub engagement is summarised below.



### **Top 3 values for people in Huonville**

1. Natural environment
2. Sport and fitness
3. Animals

20% of 'chatter' is social mixing (social, family and events).

34% of places in Huonville are 'destinations' (professional/business services, health and wellness services, retail or transit).

In comparison with other Huon Valley townships, Huonville Central rates low for 'Public Space'. The outdoor space has an opportunity to be a public place.

Huonville has 21 places that foster social connection.

### **RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN**

Council is currently meeting with local Aboriginal groups and individuals in regard to actions that Council can undertake to support reconciliation. Suggestions to date that could be considered in the Huon Valley Hub spaces include:

- Interpretation signage about local Aboriginal history and culture
- Native plantings
- Workshops about contemporary Aboriginal culture and land management
- Artwork or murals that reflect local Aboriginal history and culture
- Consideration of using agreed local Aboriginal language
- Community workshops/education about Aboriginal history and culture

### **Other**

- USB charging points
- Water fountain (water bottle refill and dog bowl)
- Flat area for ARTBOX
- Areas for market stalls, mobile vans, displays
- Colour-changing LED lights for awareness-raising campaigns