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## Council purchases Huonville building

The Huon Valley Council has purchased the building located at 23-25 Main Street Huonville (the old Blockbuster Video building) to relocate the Visitor Information Centre.

Huon Valley Commissioner Adriana Taylor says feedback from visitors indicate the Visitor Information Centre should be located in the CBD.

“When tourists visit Cygnet they have to travel and backtrack too far for information if they want to go on to Franklin, Geeveston, Dover or Hastings Caves.

“Bringing the Visitor Information Centre into Huonville will increase visitor numbers, and make it more convenient for visitors already in the town to access information. This would include the use of technology to help tourists tailor their experience in the Huon Valley. The building has floor space on the first floor which will provide much needed office space for Council and will allow a number of teams to come together improving work flow and efficiencies.

“The Main Road building also has land behind it which will provide the ability to expand a much needed car park from the rear of the Huon Arcade to the rear of this building. This car park will be able to accommodate long vehicle parking such as tourist buses and provide a flow-through exit through the adjoining vacant Council owned allotment.

“Council has applied for State Government funding for the development of the car park and building. It will also be seeking grants to fitout this building with state of the art technology and facilities to provide a memorable experience for the travelling tourist.



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“Council is paying lease costs for the current building which is owned by a private landlord. Any development or upgrade of the current Visitor Information Centre location would be at Council’s expense.

By owning the building Council can develop the building and all improvements will be on a Council owned property. By purchasing this building, the community will have an owned asset that will appreciate in value if it was to be sold in the future,”  
Commissioner Taylor said.

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