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Seeking Huon Valley Hub program partners: expressions of interest now open

The Huon Valley Hub is a welcoming community space where you can connect with others, learn new skills and become more informed, and get the support you need in the one location.

The Hub is now calling for expressions of interest (EOIs) from non-profit community groups, and health and wellbeing service providers, to become program partners and help build a stronger and healthier Huon Valley.

Submissions for the first round of EOIs can be made on the Council website at www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/hvhub until Friday 13 November 2020.

Set to open in January next year, the Huon Valley Hub will be located in the 23 Main Street building in Huonville, and will also include the neighbouring green space.

The Hub will provide a space for community members to:

- Meet with others
- Easily access programs and services
- Take part in social activities and workshops

“The Hub is a flexible venue that can be shared by many people,” said Huon Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders. “We are committed to working with community members and program partners to shape the Hub and develop programs that best meet the needs of our community. We welcome your input and ideas.”

Some of the spaces and opportunities which will be available from January 2021 include:

- Lounge area for informal meetings
- Meeting/workshop rooms with audio visual equipment
- Toilet, baby change table and kitchenette
- Exhibition opportunities
- Open-plan space for presentations and small events
- Neighbouring green space

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“We want the Hub to be a shared space for our community to build connections and social networks, find the support and information they need, and try and learn new things – a space where we can run pilot programs,” said Cr Enders.

“We invite community groups and program providers to be a key part of the Hub, and use this as an opportunity to connect with Huon Valley community members of all ages.”

Council is supporting the delivery of a wide range of programs and activities, such as:

- Community health and wellbeing programs
- Parenting programs
- Demonstrations or tasters (fitness, nutrition, art etc.)
- Targeted community programs (positive ageing/youth)
- Outdoor markets, live entertainment and art exhibitions
- Harm prevention and awareness
- Community consultations
- Training courses, workshops and information sessions
- Artists in residence
- Committee and network group meetings

“We are seeking program partners that will uphold the vision of the Hub and ensure programs are easy to access and open to everyone,” said Cr Enders.

Bookings will be required for use of some spaces so that activities can be coordinated in a way that maximises opportunities for community members to get involved.

“By helping people to connect, learn, and feel welcome to access the care and support they need, the Hub will play an important role in supporting our communities to recover from the impacts of COVID-19,” said Cr Enders.

“It will also help us build resilience, strengthening our ability to bounce back after a disaster.”

Find out more about the Hub and express your interest in being a program partner on the Council website: www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/hvhub.

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