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Potential new life for Oldina Forest Reserve

A concept plan outlining a potential transformation of the Oldina Forest Reserve to a state-of-the-art equestrian centre has been released for public feedback by Waratah-Wynyard Council.

The Inglis Pony Club Relocation Concept Plan includes facilities such as an indoor arena, clubroom building, day yards, a show jumping area and a car and float parking area.

The Plan also includes an area for public use, with BBQ's, an undercover rotunda, outdoor leisure space and potential playground.

The Oldina Forest Reserve is located on Permanent Timber Production Zone (PTPZ) land managed by Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT), however Council, with STT's permission, has acted as a facilitator for the Concept Plan in partnership with Sustainable Timber Tasmania and the Inglis Pony Club.

Mayor Robby Walsh says Council is keen to ensure that any proposal put forward for the use of the site has broad community support.

“Council is acutely aware of the interest that the wider community has in the Oldina Reserve. It was previously a much-loved public recreation space which was closed due to anti-social behaviour and persistent vandalism of facilities”

“Council has a motion on the books to ensure the public are given adequate opportunities to put their views forward on what the future might look like for the site, and we want to make sure that those views are captured and considered in any future planning.’

The Concept Plan would see the Inglis Pony Club relocate from their current Frederick Street home to the Oldina Reserve.

Despite being excited by the potential benefits the partnership would bring to all stakeholders, Mayor Walsh says the plan is still far from a reality, and not something the Pony Club could manage without assistance.

“This concept plan is in the very early stages and would need external funding and a lot of community and volunteer support to progress. It's an aspirational concept that would be delivered in stages over the next 5-10 years.”

For more information on the Inglis Pony Club Relocation Concept Plan or to view the concept maps visit Council's Have Your Say page.

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