

A CONSULTATION PAPER

Endorsed by the Wynyard Showground Community Committees



**“Working in partnership
to reimagine the Wynyard Showground
for the benefit of
the Wynyard Community and North-Western Tasmania”**

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INTRODUCTION

The Wynyard Showground Community comprises more than 800 families and individuals (from preschoolers to senior citizens) from the following organisations:

- Wynyard Agricultural and Pastoral Society
- Wynyard Cricket Club
- Wynyard Gymnastics Club
- Wynyard Axeman's Club
- North West Poultry Club
- North West Bird Club
- U3A - University of the Third Age
- Wynyard Community Church.

As a response to the Waratah-Wynyard Council Draft Open Space Sport and Recreation Plan 2017 (OSSR Plan) Showground Community Committees individually examined OSSR Plan implications of relocation for their respective group.

The OSSR Plan has an obvious sporting and physical recreation focus and plays an important leadership role in the culture of the Wynyard community. However, the OSSR Plan understates the worth of broader cultural opportunities and benefits for our citizens of all ages and abilities.

THE WYNYARD SHOWGROUND

The Wynyard Showground overlooks the Inglis River and complements the open space of the neighbouring Gutteridge Gardens and its walking tracks. The Showgrounds are but a short walk from the Wynyard Central Business District.

In the near future, the Showground will connect easily with the anticipated amenity of the Wynyard Waterfront, East Wynyard Foreshore Master Plan and the North West Coastal Pathway.

The OSSR Plan has evoked conversation not only around Showground current use, but also about development of a vision to further enhance our flourishing Showground Community.

The Committees discovered no compelling evidence of benefit to vacate the Showground. The Showground Community Committees are unanimous: we must continue to use this historic precinct for the benefit of all.

OUR CONSULTATION PROCESS

With their Crown Lease of the Showground in place until 2058, Wynyard Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc (A&P Society) sees considerable scope to enhance this civic asset and to exploit its prime location for the continued use by the wider community.

...with Local and State Government Representatives

The Wynyard Cricket Club Inc (WCC) took the initiative and drafted a vision for the Wynyard Showground that encompasses both Showground development and broader community benefit.

The WCC discussed their vision with the Waratah-Wynyard Council Mayor, General Manager and A&P Society representatives on 3 July 2018.

Both Council officials acknowledged the need for effective consultation and encouraged further development of the concept. Specifically, the General Manager offered staff expertise to assist in developing a Consultation Paper.

A general “coffee Information” meeting was held on 9 July 2018 with representatives of the WCC, the A&P Society and Roger Jaensch Minister for Human Services, Minister for Housing, Minister for Planning .

...with our Showground Community

In partnership with WCC, the A&P Society chaired an initial meeting on 2 August 2018 with Showground Committee representatives to explain the vision and to seek their participation and support. After unanimous agreement, a second meeting outlined the process for each group to develop:

- A description of their individual future “ideals”
- Opportunities for sharing infrastructure
- Opportunities for other community organisations to benefit from “ideals”
- Opportunities for the wider community.

The results of discussions were compiled as a draft consultation paper and circulated to Showground Committees for their comment.

OUR CONSULTATION PAPER

This document is the Consultation Paper as endorsed by the Wynyard Showground Community Committees.

Our Consultation Paper now forms the baseline for engagement with our community, the Waratah-Wynyard Council, and with funding entities.

THE FUTURE WYNYARD SHOWGROUND

The Wynyard Showground Community has explored the future of the Wynyard Showground with a sense of partnership, goodwill and community mindedness. Our vision retains the historic Showground as open space for the community.

We are now most enthusiastic about the prospect of working closely with the Waratah-Wynyard Council, State Government and funding bodies to develop and to progress the outcomes from our consultative process.

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OUR CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

<p style="text-align: center;">Vision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintain a strong sense of partnership between Showground Community and the Waratah-Wynyard Council. ● Create an agreed long term vision for Wynyard Showgrounds. ● Conduct an annual agricultural and pastoral show. ● Maintain cricket teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Junior Teams: U13, 15, 17 ○ Female Teams: Junior and Senior Womens ○ Men's Teams: First and Second Grade ○ <i>Hurricanes</i> Inclusion Cricket. ● Grow gymnastics and encourage inclusion. ● Enhance Showgrounds as a multi-use sporting field. ● Create a multi-purpose indoor sports training facility. ● Build clubrooms for large club and community events. ● Maintain large affordable multi-activity-based indoor spaces. ● Remove grandstand and other aging infrastructure. ● Identify multi-use for livestock sheds and pavilions. ● Increase playing ground size, including improved surface.
<p style="text-align: center;">Immediate Needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete Industrial Hall Project. (Government Grant received - \$231,000.00). ● Upgrade change rooms and toilets. ● Industrial Hall Project meets following immediate needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gymnastics Club facilities ○ A&P Society display space ○ Administration space ○ Viewing area to the playing ground ○ Viewing platform for gymnast's parents ○ Upgraded change rooms and toilets for all users ○ Toilets for Showground users with diverse needs.
<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing Needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gymnasium. ● Bird and Poultry pavilions. ● Livestock pavilion. ● Axemen's pavilion. ● Animal nursery and display areas. ● Historical Society display space. ● Multi-purpose activity space for U3AW. ● Food outlets (one permanent in the hall and tented vendor space). ● Kitchen, catering and dining Facilities. ● Horse and livestock arena. ● Trade spaces, eg Service Clubs, machinery, vendors. ● Sideshow space. ● Centre square turf-based wickets and outdoor practice nets. ● Storage for miscellaneous equipment, including cricket covers, roller etc. ● Meeting and administration spaces for Showground Community.

<p>Opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Multi-use clubroom facility. ● Improved parking. ● Playing ground lighting. ● Livestock pavilion roof. ● Freedom Camping facilities.
<p>Community Sharing</p>	<p><u>Multi-use Clubroom Facility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support for large community events to bring people to this beautiful space. ● Multi-use clubroom facility provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ shared meeting space ○ toilets and change rooms ○ community multi-functional indoor training facility ○ training facility doubles as space on show day for displays, animal nursery, stalls etc ○ connection of <i>alfresco</i> areas for groups on community days of significance ○ “island” bar design to cater for simultaneous events ○ viewing of both the ground and river with attached outdoor viewing spaces. ● Use clubroom facility as larger dining hall (dining for 250+, kitchen, bar etc). ● Existing dining hall and new, larger dining space utilised at the Show and community food or “harvest” events. <p><u>Improved Parking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop a parking plan to enhance access, support traffic flow to Showgrounds, Gutteridge Gardens, Cenotaph, Axeman’s Club. <p><u>Playing Ground Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Share the ground with the Wynyard Football Club for training, particularly from March to August. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lighting and (some) ground expansion required ○ Pitch to be slightly reorientated ● Utilise lighting for large community events. <p><u>Livestock Pavilion Roof</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harvest Market. ● Dog shows. ● Car and motorcycle shows.
<p>Community Futures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strong connections and relationships with the RSL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ANZAC Day community sports event. ● Potential (junior) athletics club development. ● All School access. ● MOUs to highlight user collaboration. ● Publically accessible facilities and infrastructure such as toilets to support events like local Saturday morning Park Run, “Gone Nuts”, fitness groups, Rural Health, Tulip Festival etc... ● Encourage broader community-building projects such watersports. ● Consider the positioning of netball courts. ● Maintain a “green belt” from the Bass Highway bridge to the Showground, Gutteridge Gardens, Yacht Club and beyond, as an extension to the current vision of the Wharf and beyond.

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