



HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

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SALE OF RANDALLS BAY LAND

The Huon Valley Council is pleased to announce the agreement with the Friends of Randalls Bay Coastcare group for the purchase of land from the Council.

The land at Randalls Bay was historically used for quarry purposes. Use as a quarry ceased during the early 1990s and the land has remained vacant since that time. The 23.58HA parcel of land was identified in the Land Strategy to be surplus to the Council's requirements.

In 2010 the Council undertook rehabilitation works on the land and surrendered the mining lease.

The land is known to have some significant environmental features. The Council identified the land within its Accommodation and Attractions Prospectus for opportunities for an eco-friendly tourism development however, no interest was received from developers.

During this time the Council was aware of the interest in the land by the Friends of Randalls Bay Group because of the block's extensive conservation values, both flora and fauna, and the fact that it is a very well used recreational walking track accessed by the public. The Friends Group has informally undertaken the weed control activities on the land over the years.

The Council, at its May 2018 Ordinary Meeting, resolved to give the first option to purchase the land to the Friends of Randalls Bay Group and a contract of sale was entered into in October this year.

The parties have agreed to a purchase price of \$130,000 which reflects a return to the Huon Valley Council and the community, whilst retaining an ongoing benefit to the community with public access and environmental protection. All proceeds from the sale of land go into a reserve to fund other strategic land purchases to enable further economic development and community purposes in the Huon Valley.

Following the purchase the Group will move to covenant the land with a revised management plan to be developed.

Under the proposal the land will stay in public hands, accessed by the public for passive recreation use, protected, managed and cared for by the Friends of Randalls Bay Group for conservation purposes.

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