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Funding secured to upgrade the Huon Valley Hub

The Huon Valley Council is delighted to announce that it has secured \$54,125 funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) to further develop the Huon Valley Hub and outdoor green space.

The Huon Valley Hub located at 23 Main Street, Huonville, has become an important asset to the community, with an increase in local people using the welcoming space in 2021. It is a place where our people can connect with others, learn new skills, learn what is happening in our area and how to access the support they need in the one location.

“The Huon Valley Hub is an important asset to our community because it encourages healthy and social activities, and provides a useful and FREE meeting point for local groups,” said Huon Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders. “A community space like this has been long overdue, particularly for the residents of Huonville.

“Council is pleased to be able to make more improvements to the Huon Valley Hub, including the neighbouring green space, to make it even more useful for our community and for visiting service providers.”

The funding comes from the TCF Covid19 Response Round ‘Support, Connect and Rebuild’, which was opened to support Tasmanians to recover and rebuild from COVID-19.

The funding will be used to:

- Develop the neighbouring green space into an outdoor activity space with performance area, seating, shade and landscaping
- Install additional indoor audiovisual equipment
- Create a private meeting space
- Upgrade of the kitchen facilities including an oven and fridge

“Through the Town Teams movement, Council has been running workshops with the community and inviting people to share their ideas for making Huonville an even better place to shop and enjoy, and how we can work together to make this happen,” said Cr Enders.

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“The workshops attended by 55 residents showed us that our people have a desire to improve Huonville, and that the Huon Valley Hub is a great space for people to create ideas and connect with like-minded people who want to make Huonville a really special place for people to meet and to give this town an exciting vibe.

“We have also been inviting the community to tell us what they want to see at the Huon Valley Hub itself. Thank you to everyone who has submitted their ideas to us – your feedback will help ensure we continue to shape the Hub into a safe and welcoming place that meets the needs of our community.

“Council would like to acknowledge the Council staff members, Huon Valley committees, working groups, service providers and community members who have supported the Huon Valley Hub since it opened, and who continue to contribute to its success.”

Why not visit the Huon Valley Hub? It is open weekdays for drop-in's, 10am to 12 noon. The Hub is available for bookings seven days a week, including evenings. If you are interested in making a booking or learning more about the Hub, please phone us on 03 6264 0300 or attend one of the drop-in sessions.

You can stay up to date on the Huon Valley Hub by checking our website at www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au and signing up for eNews, our weekly newsletter that we email to the public (go to 'Sign up for eNews' in the top menu or phone Customer Service on 03 6264 0300 and ask for their help to register for eNews).

An independent community funding body, the TCF was established following the sale of the Trust Bank in 1999 to give back to the community proceeds from the sale of a community asset. Since that time to TCF has allocated approximately \$58.6 million to approximately 1700 statewide projects.

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