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Public Meeting ‘Franklin’s Future – Planning and Development’

The Franklin Progress Association (FPA) is organising a public meeting about ‘*Franklin’s Future – Planning and Development*’ in the Palais Theatre at 7pm on Wednesday 26th November 2014. Everyone interested in the future development of Franklin is encouraged to attend.

The aim of the meeting is to establish a group to be a voice for the community on matters to do with planning, development and streetscape enhancements for Franklin. We hope to include representatives from Franklin Working Water Front Inc., the Living Boat Trust, the Friends of St Johns Inc., Franklin Traders, other community organisations and sporting groups in Franklin and, of course, the general community.

In 2013 Huon Valley Council disbanded the Franklin Township Development Committee (FTDC) along with the other Township Development Committees throughout the valley. The FTDC previously acted as a forum for community involvement in planning and prioritising council’s streetscape work in Franklin. Recently the Franklin Progress Association was invited by Council’s Communications Officer to fill the gap created by the loss of the Township Development Committee. We are happy to facilitate this but feel that it must involve more than just FPA members and that the scope should be broader than minor streetscape work in Franklin by Council.

There are a number of things happening in Franklin that could see major changes over the next few years, including implementation of the new Huon Valley Planning Scheme, further development of the waterfront including installation of the Brooke St. Pier, acquisition of St John’s Church by the community, rebuilding Huon Rowing Club facilities and further streetscape works by Council. We have an opportunity to influence all these matters - the more the community is involved in discussing, planning and integrating these initiatives, the better the chance of a good outcome for all.

We have invited Vaughan Bones to present to the meeting his concept for the revitalisation of the Franklin Waterfront. Vaughan, a former student of Franklin School, will present work he did for his Master’s Degree at the School of Architecture and Design, University of Tasmania. In 2013 Vaughan received the Institute of Architects (Tasmania) Graduate Prize for the Most Outstanding Student over the five-year Architecture Degree Course. Those who attended the recent handover of the Wooden Boat Centre to Franklin Working Water Front will remember his presentation and will appreciate what an asset we have in Vaughan. He combines a deep understanding of what makes Franklin special with a blossoming talent as an architect. One of the purposes of the meeting is to expose his vision for Franklin to a wider audience and build enthusiasm for its implementation.

We hope to establish a sub-committee on planning and development for Franklin under the auspices of the Franklin Progress Association. Under its constitution, the FPA is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian community-based association with the objectives of working for the betterment of Franklin. Members of the sub-committee will not need to be members of the FPA.

Please come along. This is an important event for Franklin's future. Make sure you take this chance to be part of the discussion.