

CBD rethink on the agenda

GLENORCHY City Council, supported by the State Government, is investigating the feasibility of a major new infrastructure project to boost the local economy and reinvigorate the Glenorchy CBD.

A consultant funded by the State Government has been appointed to make a feasibility study of the redevelopment of the Glenorchy

City Council Civic Precinct within the block of Main Rd, Terry St, Barry St, Tolosa St bus station and possibly also the Bus Station.

It may also include a redeveloped Glenorchy Community Health Centre.

Mayor Adriana Taylor said the initiative could benefit local businesses and the broader community.

"The feasibility study

will be undertaken by the Stanton Management Group with a report expected to be concluded by early 2010. It will involve close consultation with the State Government and private sector.

"We think that the block currently occupied by the Council Chambers can be better utilised and that there are opportunities to create improved public facilities and pedestrian links in the Glenorchy CBD with a mixture of office space, residential accommodation and retail."

At the same time, the Department of Health and Human Services has engaged a service planning consultancy to determine the services to be provided by any new Community Health Centre.

"Council is aware that there is a shortfall of quality office space in greater Hobart and that there may be interest in providing better offices for some Glenorchy-based State Government agencies," Ald Taylor said.

"But most importantly, Council believes it is the right time to assess the feasibility of a major infrastructure project in

Glenorchy which could inject millions of dollars into the economy, create jobs and revitalise the CBD."

Ald. Taylor said a Public Private Partnership approach was the preferred model for the development because it could provide purpose built modern facilities with minimal outlay from Council.

Disc ace hails the course

CHAMPION Australian disc golfer Martin Ryland-Adair has hailed Austin Ferry's Poimena disc golf course as the best public course in Australia.

Ryland-Adair made the comment when receiving his winning trophy for the Two Heads Disc Golf Open held at the Poimena Reserve disc golf course on April 18/19.

Fifteen disc golfers from four states came together to compete in a national disc golf competition.

Disc golf was invented in the USA in the 1970s. It is effectively golf, only you throw a frisbee into an elevated basket rather than putt a ball into a hole.

The reigning champion, Richard Sampson of Ridgeway, was back to defend his title as was last year's runner-up, Luke Williams from Sydney. There were three local players playing their first tournament, Eli Marshall and Rachel Anderson of Moonah and Peter Anderson of Glenorchy.

Day one of the tournament offered two rounds of 18 holes, round one from the long tees, round two from the short tees.

Martin Ryland-Adair was in excellent form ending on top after two rounds of 18 holes on the first day and extending his lead on day two. After some highly competitive rounds, New Town player Harvey Yarnall, Sydney's Luke Williams and



Disc golf championship players at Poimena Reserve.

last year's winner Richard Sampson joined Ryland-Adair in the final, which was played over six holes.

Ryland-Adair had a comfortable cushion and just needed to play safe to take out the championship, which he did.

Richard Sampson was the standout player of the final, with a notable deuce on the second hole, but

was too far off the pace to take 3rd. Luke Williams also played a hot final, punching an awesome drive on the fourth hole for a memorable birdie. Ryland-Adair hit a sweet 70 metre forehand under the basket on the last hole to cement a convincing six shot win.

The Junior winner was Will Richardson of Dromedary and the Women's winner was Heidi Richardson of Dromedary.

Results after 6 hole final: 1. Martin Ryland-Adair (WA) 194; 2. Luke Williams (NSW) 202; 3. Harvey Yarnall (TAS) 207; 4. Richard Sampson (TAS) 211.

Full results at

www.twoheads09.wordpress.com

Poimena disc golf course is open all year round and is free to play.

For more information about playing disc golf at Poimena Reserve visit www.poimenadiscgolf.org or contact Richard Sampson 0437 179 275.

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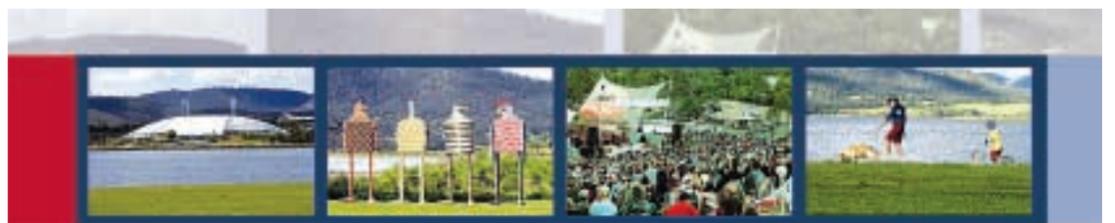
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