

Devonport (Showground) Project

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Affordable housing advocates Ian Ugarte and Simon Want will be holding the first phase of community conversations about the future of the Devonport Showground next week.

Mr Ugarte and Mr Want founded the Australian Housing Initiative (AHI) and have signed a contract for sale of the purchase of the showground from the Devonport Agricultural & Pastoral Society (DAPS).

AHI intends to develop the showgrounds site into a mixed use and adaptable housing precinct following further community consultation.

Mr Want said AHI would be in Devonport next week to talk to key stakeholders and the community about their plans to increase the supply of affordable housing in Devonport.

“From the beginning of our conversations about the future of the Devonport Showground we have reiterated the importance of stakeholders and the community being involved in helping to design the development of the site,” Mr Want said.

“We want to make sure that both tenants and the wider community are able to share their stories and what’s important to them about the site to ensure we have a clear picture before we start designing the development.”

Mr Ugarte said AHI was pleased with the response to the announcement of the development and looked forward to hearing more from tenants on the site.

“We want to make sure that people like the Showground Market, the Poultry Club and other tenants are aware of our plans and involved in the process,” Mr Ugarte said.

“But we also want to hear from the wider community and make sure we have a full understanding of what people love about this important site and what they would like to see built here in the future.”

Discussions are continuing with the State Government and Council to ensure a strategic transition for TasRacing, which currently uses the site for a variety of its race meets.

Sessions will be held at the following locations at these times:

- Wednesday 8 May 5.30-8pm in the Aberdeen Room, Paranaple Centre, 145 Rooke Street Devonport

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- Thursday 9 May 5.30-8pm at the East Devonport Recreation and Function Centre, 67 Caroline Street, East Devonport
- Friday 10 May 5.30-8pm at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
- Saturday 11 May from 8.30am at the Devonport Showground and Showground Market

There will also be a survey made available and promoted via the project's website and Facebook page in coming days.

To register interest in being involved please visit www.devonportshowground.com.au or visit the project's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/devonportshowground

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