

# Far South Future Ideas Competition - Entries



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No 1 Lyn Martinez

**Lots of "Keep the South Wild" signs, each featuring a local bird, mammal, fish or flowering plant species.**

No 2—Sandra Garland

Pub on Hope Island. That's where the original pub was and locals had to row out to it! Now you'd need staff and a ferry driver! Jobs!!!! If the pub sold the BEST seafood, it'd be an iconic destination

No 3 Caroline Amos

All the years I lived there I wished there was a tourist boat or dinghy hire for bay trips. Olive May did a good job for years but there is room for so much more now!

No 4 Caroline Amos

**Imagine a restaurant ON the bay a la jetty style!  
One of THE best views in Tasmania**

## No 5 Paula Sheppy

As many successful tourist communities do, we need to have a brand or image ie Geeveston with wood, Byron Bay with bohemian, Cygnet with folk, Margaret River with wine etc etc.

- 🐙 ☐ As it has massive opportunity, suggest ours is CLASSY 'bohemian'; boho, gypset, multicultural, nature focused, natural, adventurous, laid back, earthy, unconventional, free spirited, educational, etc
- 🐙 ☐ We need a classy, laid back, cosy fire placed, 'boho'ish' pub/restaurant that offers a point of difference & is worth travelling especially to Dover for. It's range of local spirits, ciders, wines? Food only from Huon produce? Guest chefs?mulled wine for winters?
- 🐙 ☐ A festival we are identified with because we're the only ones that do it; thats where the boho or gypsy theme is important. We could have a summer & winter gypsy/boho festival?
- 🐙 ☐ A collaborative approach to marketing by all local businesses, with a local commercial group established.
  - 🐙 ☐ Establish a community group, making meetings fun & not overly formal.
  - 🐙 ☐ Community activities or events to foster involvement & engagement

While I'm tossing up another business idea at the moment (clothing label), I would happily rethink this for something worthwhile locally to invest my time & money into as a partnership etc

No 6 John Doubleday

**Such a beautiful place  
could become a realistic  
Conference Venue**

No 7 Wren Fraser Cameron

**I'm sure that Hope Island will prove  
a popular focus. An iconic seafood  
tavern, long lunch destination, and  
film set for when my novel, with a  
Hope Island focus, is filmed. In  
consultation with the leaseholder  
of course.**

No 8 Jemima Cameron

Upgrading the sailing club  
and make it a harbor for  
international and national  
yachts and sailors And tie it  
in with the local tourism and  
Tasmania branding

No 9 Matthew Tack

**Would love to see the Geeveston Effect  
(Federation Peak track) get up with a sealed  
link to Hastings and an accommodation  
precinct down Recherche Bay for both those  
walkers and ones coming off South Cape  
Track.**

No 10 Stephen Cameron

Track to Lake Geeves isn't going to happen IMO. However, there is good potential to make the area around the current air walk more of a tourism hub. With walks from there, Hartz Mtns, Mt Picton, Mt Weld, Snowy Range. River rafting.

No 11 Dave Globull

**A mountain bike track from Esperance forest reserve following the river down all the way to the highway. Already there are some overgrown trails there that just need clearing. See what mountain bike trails did for Derby with excellent bang for buck.**

No 12 Stephen Cameron

**Hobart to Dover ferry via Bruny Island**

No 13 Joanna Lawton

**Walking and mountain bike track from stringers creek (Tassal around coast to Southport**

No 14 Lisa Price

**I miss driving down to the pub  
for a great counter meal.  
Something like Peppermint Bay  
by the water would be nice.**

No 15 Katey Potatey

**I'd love to see an extension on the  
skate park to make it more learner  
friendly- perhaps some picnic  
tables and landscaping in the  
surrounding area also. The space  
is there and its a fantastic sport  
for people of all ages!**

No 16 Dave Globull

**And a nearby pump track to  
expand the healthy options for  
young people in the  
community. And maybe an  
adventure/nature playground**

No 17 Mila Ignatiew

**A woodchip port would be nice!**

No 18 Dave Globull

How about a lifeskills school/space? It's could be a place where visiting students learned everything from growing vegetables to fixing small motors. From cooking to building a timber shed. From mental health skills to managing credit card debt. It could be a multi purpose facility.

No 19 Neil Fuller

How about a cable car to the summit of Adamsons peak.

No 20 anonymous

Dover has the potential to be a major tourism hub for the Huon Valley if attitudes change. A tour vessel similar to that operated by Gordon river cruises in Strahan, showing tourists the natural beauty and history of the area with trips around the bay, to partridge island, Southport, the Huon river etc. with shore excursions at culturally significant sites. Also a strong emphasis on locally grown and harvested ingredients and fostering a thriving restaurant culture similar to the way Stanley has positioned itself. Building and promoting eco tourism ventures like those in Frecinet, would all go a long way to ensure Dover reinvents and diversifies itself the same way other small towns in Tasmania have done with great success. The old way of thinking, "we were always just a logging/forestry/fishing town and we should just stay that way" will do nothing but hold Dover firmly in the dark ages and continue to keep all the young people flowing north along with all their good ideas.

No 21 Katey Potatey

**I whole heartedly believe  
eco tourism is part of a  
bright future for Dover  
also! ❤️**

No 22 John Doubleday

Reinvention is the name of the game but you are still good at the past enterprises ....add travel/tourism

No 24 John Doubleday

**Dover to Bruny Island creating a Ferry Loop**

No 23 Lisa Price

Tourism is the way ahead. Cut down the trees and pollute the waterways and there will no longer be tourism in the south. .

No 25 Keith Davies

A wood skills school would be good. Teaching traditional hand crafting of sustainably grown and harvested native timbers into value-added fine furniture, cabinet making and artistic craft pieces. This combined with a public gallery outlet where items hand-made by the students could be sold would employ teachers, craftspeople and gallery sales staff.

No 26 Keith Davies

**Build a proper, safe round-about at the intersection in front of the bottle shop.**

No 27 Keith Davies

Dover needs more access to suitable land zoned for light commercial use in the township so investors with ideas to start new small businesses have affordable opportunities to get started right in town where locals and visitors alike can support their businesses

No 28 Kathy Doe

Dover has lost some of its charm with the conversion of the corner store into a fortress bottle shop (very sad to see the stained glass original windows ripped out and probably trashed) Mainlanders who attended the Australian Gastronomy Symposium were blown away by the small town charm even in a chilly autumn. The old Casey museum site could be turned into an artists co-operative to be a one stop shop to showcase the many talented artists and craftspeople in the Far South. Old industrial buildings (I think it was the Apple Factory) have a natural charm that lend themselves to clever conversions. The yacht club would make a fantastic seaside cafe/restaurant although the club may not be keen. perhaps some pop up gigs with visiting chefs could be trialled. Sculpture trails are popular with tourists and there is already good foreshore walking infrastructure - another competition to invite artists to interpret Dover past and present. A project to encourage the planting of bird attracting native plants would increase the charm of the town - we seem to have lost a lot of native tree and shrub coverage in recent years and the street scaping in the main drag is a bit underwhelming. Finally a dual name to commemorate the original indigenous inhabitants who truly appreciated the beauty and bounty of the bay instead of trashing it

No 29 Ricky Brown

**Put some nice coffee shops a pub a international hotel motel on the foreshore maybe something like seaworld and a casino**

No 30 Tony Farrow

A pulp mill somewhere close to Tassal a must for the economy ??

No 31 Tim Withrington

First off, how about a decent road... shows up when the middle line can only be 1/2" wide south of 'Devie. To be a tourist "destination" need sealed road from Derwent Valley to Experience bridge..... Need free camp sites to be more welcoming, but if tourism can't rebuild the Pub don't expect too much from it .

No 32 Gavin Adamson

Mariner development including a 150+ boat mariner taking boat up to 30 meters, slipway, room for shipwrights, marine engineers and other trades. A restaurant, bar kiosk part of the complex. Support industry and pleasure vessels.

A restaurant/bar of high caliber similar to peppermint bay/ willy smith. Access via road and ferry from Hobart.

Easter festival to be a combination of food festivals/ sports events. Mid winter Bon fire on the beach!

Value add to forestry and salmon industries. Fine timber/ smoke house.

No 33 Gavin Adamson  
Pennicott to run tours out of Dover  
down to south east cape and back

No 34 Keith Kenny  
Retain some history by saving the St.Johns church in  
Franklin

No 35 Matthew Gould  
An eco lodge at Recherche?

No 36 Joel Abbott

**A new Pub!**

No 37 Will Mansfield  
**The only thing better than a  
new pub is two new pubs!**

No 38 Dave de Little  
A glossy, affordable book of  
photos and text promoting the  
natural values of the region .

No 39 Dave de Little

Bob Brown's "Tarkine" branding initiative had a huge impact on the industry - it was a brilliant initiative from a conservation viewpoint. We need a similar initiative for the Far South - with the cooperation of the indigenous community.

No 41 Miranda Howie

Buy out the fish farms leases in the Huon so I could get some peace and quiet again and finally get some sleep!

No 40 Steve Glaus

Grass roots research facility to investigate new and intelligent uses for local plantation timbers.

No 42 Matthew Gould

**We're for chips on hope.**

No 43 Siobhan Carter

Build a planetarium observatory for star and galaxy watching. Where to build it? I'm reckoning that an ideal location for a planetarium would be near the summit of Tylers Hill on the south side, but we would need to acquire or have a long term lease of land from STT (aka ex-Forestry Tasmania).

No 44 Wren Fraser Cameron  
**Eucalyptus Oil Distillery.**  
**There used to be some  
down here back in the  
day. Maybe a use for  
plantations**

No 45 Helen Whitty

**Distillery for a range of oils distilled from native  
plants .**

No 47 Mary Contrary

A bike ride/race through the valley. Different  
starting points ending on foreshore.

No 46 Helen Whitty

Creative hubs with high speed internet, meeting  
area, officer facilities, or whatever to attract  
workers who can work remotely but don't want to  
be isolated and/or visiting writers.

No 48 Steve the Pirate

A motorcycle race like the  
Isle of Man TT around the  
Esperance Coast Road and  
Huon Highway Surges Bay  
to Dover circuit.

No 49 Wren Fraser Cameron

An International Field Study Centre in the Natural Sciences of the Far South with accommodation, research and conferencing facilities. The Far South is rich in karst, hot springs, Jurassic petrifications, wilderness, alpine communities, type locality for botany, RAMSAR listed wet lands, birds, all native animals, fisheries, kelp forests.... the list goes on with the number of representative disciplines of science that could be studied in this cultural historic landscape.

No 50 Glenda Rowntree

My dream for Dover is to become a world class leader in the healthiest happiest and safest place to live anywhere!

A united community of people who care about the welfare of ALL the residents of Dover. A wonderful combination of work and play that is the envy of the whole country.

A place where people can earn a living doing what they love whether it is fishing, farming, forestry or tourism. If we can all respect the rights of our neighbours to live and let live, and all work together to protect and preserve the wonderful gift we all have been blessed with, this magical place called Dover and The Far South of Tasmania.

I know we can do it.

## No 51 Robyn Francis

Everyone loves a lookout. And they love to walk through stunning gardens to get to one. We could purchase the land (35.78 acres) on the hill top which looks over Dover (the one with the phone tower on top). Create beautiful botanic gardens up and across the hillsides which would include all the Tasmanian indigenous plants and those endemic to the Dover area as well as many others from around Australia and the world. (They could be arranged according to their preferred aspect and altitude creating pockets of microclimates). A path would meander and zig zag up the hillside through the gardens with points along the way where people could stop and rest and enjoy the plants, the birds and the views of the sea and surrounds. Arriving at the top of the hill be rewarded with stunning panoramic views of Esperance Bay, the Islands, the channel and the mountains and watch the wedge tailed eagles soar overhead. People could climb up another specially built lookout tower for an even more far reaching view to who knows where. It would be great for locals, great for visitors. It would be somewhere local, somewhere different to walk and exercise rather than always along the beach front, somewhere right within the town. This would be so good for the health and well being of the community. It would be so peaceful and beautiful away from roads and traffic and noise. Not many towns in Tasmania have such a perfect site for a lookout. And the Huon Valley could do with a botanic garden of its own. (Just like the world renowned botanic gardens at Cranbourne in Victoria or the many towns throughout Victoria which have their very own botanic gardens, Dover could also have it's very own).

There is currently a great opportunity to do this as this land has been for sale for many years and for that beautiful hillside not to be used for something wonderful for the community is a real shame. Perhaps the current owner could do something philanthropic for Dover and donate the land to the community for this purpose. It would be a truly wonderful and long lasting gift. Appreciated by all.

## No 52 Luke Brennan

1). In 1801, one of the most daring ocean races ever was to take place between two ferocious competitors, Matthew Flinders and Nicholas Baudin. The prize was to discover a mysterious rumoured continent at the bottom of the world, later to be known as Australia. Flinders was determined to find a new colony for Britain and Baudin the same prestige for France. Both sailed to Australia at the same time and encountered each other on several occasions as they circumnavigated Australia in the turbulent uncharted waters. It is a true intriguing story about rebellion, disgrace and savagery. Including; the first garden built in Australia, black swans kangaroos and other natural treasures collected for Empress Josephine's garden and even Flinders' wife discovered as a stowaway dressed as a one of the crew.

A motion picture film about this wonderful adventure (the race to claim the prize of Australia) would highlight several towns in the Far South (including Dover) provide work for locals and attract many tourists.

2). Dover could become a "sister city" with its namesake Dover in England. This would increase tourism and perhaps trade, as both showcased the others main attributes. This could start at a basic level with our school sharing photos, comments, ideas etc.. with a similar school in Dover, England. This could also be done with other "Dover" towns in the USA, Jamaica and Denmark.

3). A competition could be established to determine Tasmania's most beautiful rural town. Many tourists who visit Tasmania do not visit rural towns as they are unaware of their unique beauty. The competition could be run by a state Newspaper and/or television station. It could be judged by the general public or perhaps some "artistic experts". I am sure that Dover would in at least in the Top 10 if not number one. This would greatly increase tourism for Dover.

No 53 Annie Venables

What about a outdoor swimming by the sea heated by solar panels - with sliding glass cover for winter.

No 54 Paula Sheppy

**Festival!**

No 55 Trish Stott

An eating destination is a great idea. Dover as a special day trip destination either via the Huon Valley or the D'Entrecasteaux or both with little exploration stops either way will show some of the best views and produce Tassie has to offer.

No 56 Dave Globull

How about a community centre that is a passive solar meeting place for year round events. Including workshop space for learning and skill sharing. A community garden with composting and recycling facilities for hard to recycle items. BBQ area wood fired oven.. Community pub or bar even? Adventure/nature/supervised danger playground. An all ages hub for meeting and connection and learning and sharing a starting place for further healthy development.

### No 57 Deb van Velzen

Walking and bike track to link with other towns and lovely places, in both the Huon and New Norfolk valleys - keep it small scale so folk can get between camping/accommodation/food places each day -

### No 59 Ka Mc

How about a vacation care program/facility in Dover for school holidays that caters for little ones maybe 4yrs and up. (excluding end of year holidays) The younger age group cannot ,are not able to occupy themselves at home as would 13-17year olds , the age group that currently has limited holiday activities run by council. Program central to Dover apart from running children to huonville for vacation care and then returning back to area for work, or without juggling young children between family, (if your fortunate to have family) or friends.

### No 58 Kristie Knight

A tourist information centre inside "The big salmon", Tassal and Huon might contribute to this 😊

Get the council to free up some land for it, the community and farms to raise money to build it.

A perfect central point for the tourists to flock too to find out information about the area.

Simple walking maps of Dover could be available here, information on eateries and local history.

As I've said before a big salmon would look better than the big abalone I think.

No 60 Kristie Knight

Might have been said but....

Tours around the bay, let's get on to pennicott. I've lived in Dover most of my life and have never been out around the Islands. I'd pay to go on a tour around the bay. Options could include a gourmet hamper, a guide to speak about the history while onboard. Could even do a spooky night tour out and around the small islands. Aren't there many unmarked graves their? Where the sick were once buried. The history of the old pub on Hope !!

Blubber head point, the slaughter of whales.... so much history in our town that we could use to our advantage.

A stop on Hope to watch Wren Fraser Cameron do her survivor's story in full costume would be amazing I could just see her stumbling out of the bushes and telling the tale of the shipwreck and survival of the Katherine shearer.

No 61 Kristie Knight

If I had shitloads of money I would put up big perspex signs around the town that would have old original streetscapes, landscapes or original building designs etched into them.

For example position one in the main street.... have an olden day photo etched in perspex with the old town hall, old cars, original buildings etc..... you then step to the side and look at what is there today.

It would be great for the tourists and locals alike. It could be a visual history tour around the town.

No 62 Lynne Delaney

A free camp. Reopen the museum. Build a Wharf restaurant and do some boat tours around the islands

No 63 Kerry Coleman

**At the risk of being shouted down, I've always thought the old pub site would be perfect for a meditation and alternative healing therapies centre**

No 64 Zainab Clark

Horse riding on the beach and up into the mountains

No 65 Wren and Kristie

**Dover could take on Dark Mofo - Dark Park and have a Dark Shores event. yes.... light the islands up red !!!**