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# A Proposal for an Alpine Visitors Centre

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Mt Field National Park

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# Benefits

- A shovel-ready project
  - Create jobs in the Derwent Valley
  - Provide recreation opportunities for Tasmanians and visitors
  - Enhance Tasmania's positive points of difference
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# Background

- Mt Field National Park is Tasmania's oldest National Park, and ranks with Cradle Mt-Lake St Clair and Freycinet in terms of visitor numbers.
- It is also the most accessible park for people living in or visiting the State's capital.
- Mt Field has a superb alpine area which provides walking year round, and downhill and cross country skiing in the Winter.
- There is an urgent need for an Alpine Visitors Centre and Day Shelter at Mt Field



# Current Facilities Inadequate

- A key attraction of the Mt Field National Park is the Tarn Shelf and Alpine plateau.
- Visitors who walk up to the plateau or the ski fields expect to find at least basic facilities.
- The present day shelter consists of a shipping container, with limited safety or comfort for visitors – particularly those with families.
- Ski Patrol (first aid) is provided from a second shipping container.
- This is a very poor (temporary) solution for one of Tasmania's iconic destinations.



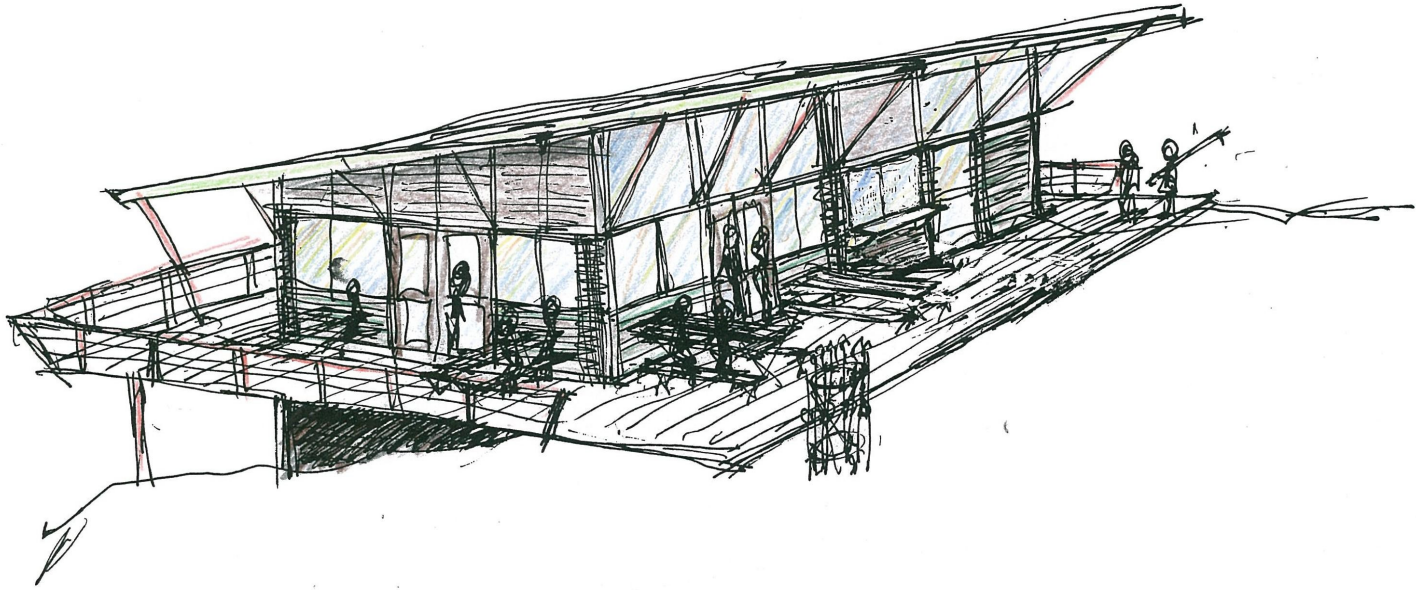
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# A Project Ready to Go

- The proposal for an Alpine Visitors Centre at Mt Mawson in the Mt Field National Park is ready for immediate development – “shovel ready”
    - The access road goes to the site
    - The site is cleared - there was a pre-existing building on the site, demolished in early 2013
    - Preliminary design concepts have been developed
  - There is strong community support
    - Current lack of facilities is not sustainable
  - Construction can be commenced in 2014 if funds are made available. Cost depends on extent of facilities included in the final design – but a budget of \$750K would enable a quality outcome.
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# A Purpose-Built Alpine Visitors Facility



**Perspective Sketch**

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**Mt Mawson Ski Fields Day Shelter**

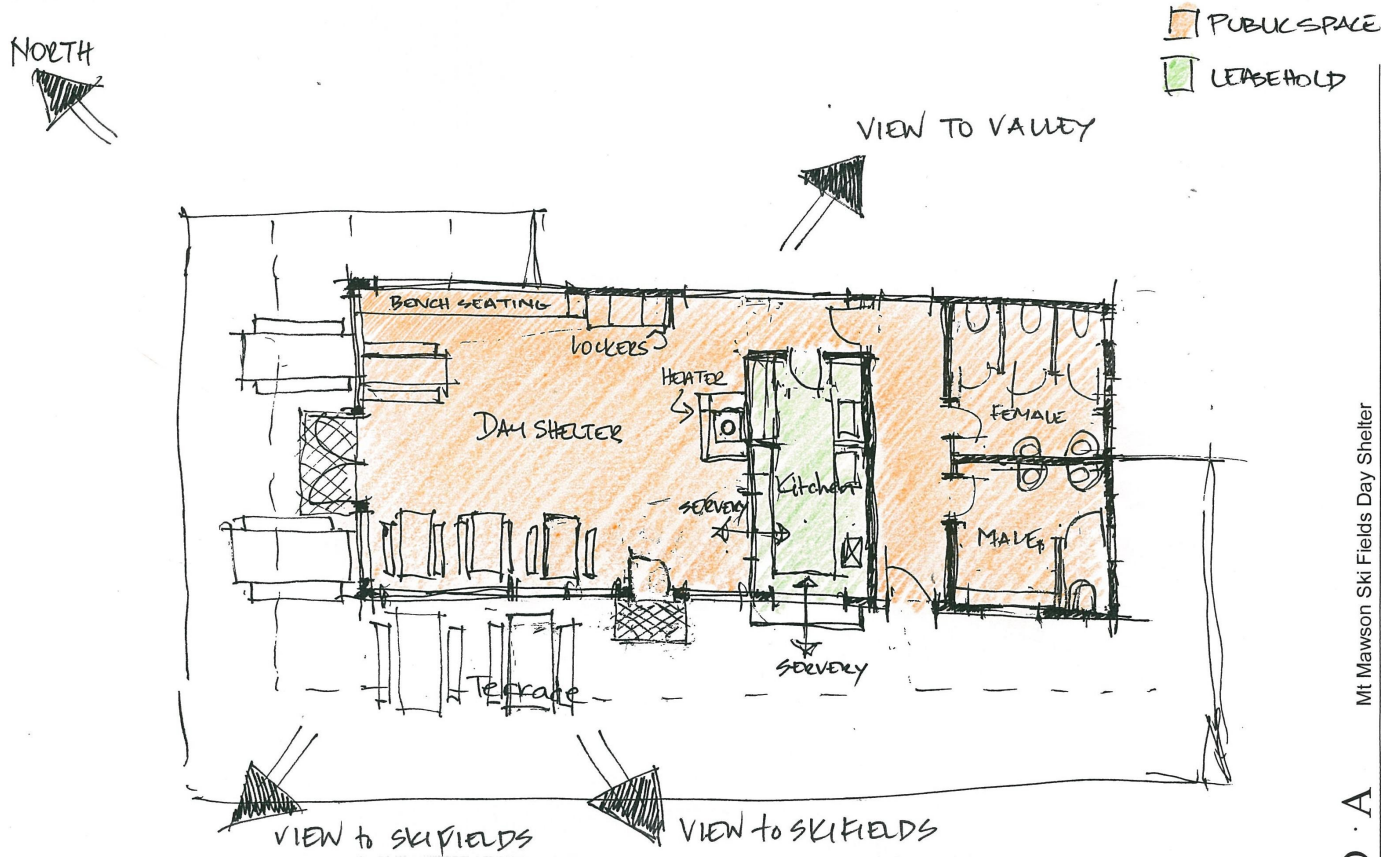
**Proposed New Building**

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# Simple Floor Plan Concept



**Sketch Plan**  
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# A Project of Significant Merit

- Adds to Tasmania's comparative advantage in outdoor, nature based tourism
    - Encourages health and wellbeing activities, including walking, skiing and sight seeing in one of Tasmania's most popular National parks
    - Supports interstate and international visitation
  - A unique opportunity to enhance a true Alpine destination, but one which is readily accessible to the general public and visitors
  - Supports a community that has been negatively affected by the forestry downturn
  - Addresses a safety risk – particularly in Winter
  - Could be expanded to include accommodation / interpretive facilities and displays relevant to World Heritage etc
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