Re-use of redundant heritage sites: Launceston railway yards

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Schemes took into consideration Launceston's needs for the future, the lack of coherent planning vision for the city, the abandonment of the North Esk into the too-hard basket, and the under-use, despite the inherent potential of the showgrounds site.

The railway yard site was seen as an opportunity to reunite the city centre with the river, the inhabitants to their university and to provide the people of Invermay with a tighter, stronger urban framework thereby combating urban sprawl. The vacation of the showgrounds site allows construction of a purpose-designed matriculation college to serve Launceston into the future.

After discussion and consultation with city interest groups, six schemes were presented. These developed proposals that reflected the requirements and aspirations of the city, within the industrial heritage context of the railways site.

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Fourth year students work during 1993 demonstrating clear schemes that involve whole site planning in the greater city context.