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Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said Council had recently purchased property at the rear of the former Stubbs Hardware and RSL sites to establish a new 108 space public car park.

“Council’s investment in this site is seen as a key driver to helping encourage development in the Wynyard CBD,” Mayor Walsh said.

“The purchase of the approximately 4,500 square metres of properties, which includes some land at the rear of the Wynyard RSL at the northern side of Goldie Street from Jackson Street to Hogg Street, will not only ensure adequate parking provision, but also act as an incentive to any developer looking at vacant properties in this area.”

The purchase and development of the site is about \$982,000.

Mayor Walsh said Council has applied to the National Stronger Regions Fund to help fund the project and to develop a Wynyard Central Area Development Plan.

This process will allow Council to further develop the CBD precinct and establish connections with the wharf and waterfront complementing work resulting from the Wynyard Foreshore Environs Masterplan.

“This purchase will not only help ensure that we have a defined future role for the CBD and waterfront, but also a better connection between the two,” Mayor Walsh said.

“This ticks a lot of boxes in terms of helping the private sector to invest in Wynyard through the development of the carpark, new public toilet and associated infrastructure.”

Mayor Walsh said that there were 224 public and private parking spaces in the CBD.

“Our research indicates that the demand is for about 350 spaces, and this car park will go a long way to filling that gap,” Mayor Walsh said.

“This car park will also prove attractive to larger retailers, which would in turn provide employment and services to our municipal area.”

Council staff will be liaising with businesses and stakeholders in the design of the car park in the near future and a development application is expected to be made next year.

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