Community Advisory Committee - Murrurundi District Agenda

22 February 2024 at 5pm





UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MURRURUNDI DISTRICT

To All Councillors & Committee Members

You are hereby notified that the next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee -Murrurundi District will be held on 22 February 2024 in the Murrurundi Library Meeting Room at 5pm, for the purpose of transacting the undermentioned business.

The Community Advisory Committee - Murrurundi District consists of

Cr James Burns, Cr Elizabeth Flaherty, Cr Belinda McKenzie, Mr Gerard Howard, Mr Michael Reid, Mr Peter McGill, Mr Phillip Morgan, Mr Ray Hynes and Ms Sandra Coffey.

AGENDA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to show respect and acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land, of elders, past, present and future, on which this meeting takes place.

- 2. **APOLOGIES**
- 3. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**
- 4. PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - Community Advisory Committee Murrurundi District held on 23 November 2023
- 5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
- 6. AGENDA ITEMS

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- 8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- 9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MURRURUNDI DISTRICT MEETING - THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2023 - 5pm



PRESENT: Cr James Burns (Chair), Cr Elizabeth Flaherty, Sandra Coffey, Peter

McGill, Ray Hynes, Philip Morgan and Gerard Howard.

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg McDonald (General Manager), Mathew Pringle (Director

Environmental & Community Services), Amanda Catzikiris (Manager Community Services) and Yolanda Wynn (Community Services

Officer/ minutes).

1. APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION

That the apologies received from Cr Belinda McKenzie, Michael Reid and Janie Jordan be accepted.

Moved: Peter McGill Seconded: Ray Hynes

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Community Advisory Committee - Murrurundi District Meeting held on 24 August 2023, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: Ray Hynes Seconded: Sandra Coffey

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

MCAC1.11.1 Action Sheet - Update

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for the Committee to review and consider items on the Action Sheet for the Murrurundi District Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

Main points of discussion included:

- Information shared on the Regional Arts Touring grant which may be suitable as a funding option for state festivals.
- Signage planning for the river walk, emphasising the need to place an order and incorporate a QR code at a later stage.
- Discussion of the Youth Centre consultation report.
- Plans for the Christmas markets with requests for variable message signage.
- Addressing the issue of weeds around the water tank, with plans for the Council to write to ARTC to request clearance.
- Decision to defer consideration of the Tourism Magazine until the completion of the ongoing branding project.

- Concerns raised regarding Pages River Road and Council will be making contact with ARTC to address miscommunication to residents and rectify misleading detour signage.
- Plans to contact LLS regarding the restoration of the Clark Memorial.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the issue and response listed in the Action Sheet.

ACTION FOR COMMITTEE:

- Christmas markets 9 December Council will provide variable message boards for the Christmas markets
- Water tank proposed plans for restoration ARTC owned Council will write to request clearance of weeds
- Pages Road Rail bridge proposed plans Council will contact ARTC to raise concerns of miscommunication to residents and correction of misleading detour signage
- Clark Memorial restoration Council will contact LLS to investigate restoration

MCAC1.11.2 Items Raised by the Community

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for the committee to review and consider items submitted by committee members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) - Murrurundi District.

Discussion was had and a presentation from G. Howard regarding street beautification for Mayne Street – committee satisfied with proposal for beautification. Council will provide information about constraints and infrastructure services.

S. Coffey raised queries about the scheduled plumbing works in CBD area as a possible disruption to the Murrurundi Christmas markets. Council has reported the works is due to be completed the day before the markets.

Dam consultation was also discussed and issues with the online form had been identified. Request for this to be fixed and an extension added to compile further feedback was unanimous amongst the committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee review the items listed in the report.

Moved: Peter McGill Seconded: Cr James Burns

ACTION FOR COMMITTEE:

- Street beautification (trees and shrubs) Council will provide a report on infrastructure services and constraints in relation
- Plumbing works in the CBD area of town Council will contact TCM to raise concerns of miscommunication to residents, requesting a letter drop
- Dam consultation Council will investigate error in online questionnaire and extend the deadline to March 2024. They will also update the Council website with information

MCAC1.11.3 Capital Works Projects

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Murrurundi Community Advisory Committee with an update on capital works projects in the Murrurundi district.

Committee members discussed the Murulla causeway and requested a copy of the map be circulated for their reference.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the report.

Moved: Peter McGill Seconded: Ray Hynes

ACTION FOR COMMITTEE:

Murrulla causeway - Council will circulate map

MCAC1.11.4 Murrurundi Youth Centre Consultation Engagement Report PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the results from the Murrurundi Youth Centre Consultation questionnaire to the Community Advisory Committee - Murrurundi District.

The Committee received guidance indicating that the report highlights essential themes derived from the feedback gathered through the survey. This data has been shared with the designer to inform decision-making. Despite the grant funding being specifically allocated for a project focused on youth in regional areas, it was recognised that the design process will also take into account the needs of other users and the wider community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the report.

Moved: Ray Hynes Seconded: Peter McGill

ACTION FOR COMMITTEE:

Survey options - The Communications team will investigate other possible survey options, instead
of Survey Monkey.

6. ACTION SHEET

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- Water tank proposed plans for restoration ARTC owned Council will write to request clearance of weeds
- Pages Road Rail bridge proposed plans Council will contact ARTC to raise concerns of miscommunication to residents and correction of misleading detour signage
- Clark Memorial restoration Council will contact LLS to investigate restoration
- Murrulla causeway Council will circulate map
- Street beautification (trees and shrubs) Council will provide a report on infrastructure services and constraints in relation to planting
- Plumbing works in the CBD area of town Council will contact TCM to raise concerns of miscommunication to residents, requesting a letter drop
- Corridor of Silky Oak trees between Murrurundi and Blandford Council will contact Transport NSW regarding replenishment of trees
- Dam consultation Council will investigate error in online questionnaire and extend the deadline to March 2024. They will also update the Council website with information
- Survey options The Communications team will investigate other possible survey options, instead
 of Survey Monkey
- River walk signage locations Infrastructure will complete a services check

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation from J. Jordan.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Corridor of Silky Oak trees between Murrurundi and Blandford Council will contact Transport NSW regarding replenishment of trees.
- Discussion was had around stock issues on Pages River Road.
- · Cricket stand has limited shade

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil.

10. NEXT MEETING

21 February 2024

The meeting was declared closed at 6.52pm.



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AGENDA ITEMS

MCAC1.02.1 AUSTRALIA DAY SUB COMMITTEE - MURRURUNDI

DISTRICT

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Amanda Catzikiris - Manager Community Services

AUTHOR: Heather Ranclaud - Community Services Officer -

Murrurundi

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

- present the minutes of the Australia Day Subcommittee Murrurundi District meeting held on 20 November 2023.
- provide an update to the Murrurundi Community Advisory Committee on the Murrurundi Australia Day events held on 26 January 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That the committee

- 1. endorse the minutes of the Australia Day Subcommittee Murrurundi District meeting held on 20 November 2023
- 2. note the report regarding the Australia Day events on 26 January 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Murrurundi Australia Day Subcommittee is an advisory committee that has been established to oversee the planning and provision of Australia Day activities in the Murrurundi district. The committee consists of community members and is supported by staff from Community Services. *REPORT/PROPOSAL*

The subcommittee reviewed the nominations and recommended recipients for each award category. These results were included in a confidential report to Council. Further discussion included planning for the ceremony regarding seating and stage requirements, catering, decorations, MC duties, set up and pack up schedule and entertainment.

The subcommittee met for an event wrap up on Sunday 28 January 2024. Present were members Deb Eather, Bronnie Johnson, Marty Wilson, Richard Grieg, Warren Bramley and Heather Ranclaud.

Key points:

- Great feedback on the event and the venue.
- Thai Pham did a wonderful job as guest speaker. The sub-committee would prefer to showcase local personalities rather than host ambassadors.
- Dayna Hynes was excellent providing live music on the day.
- The roving microphone as part of the new sound system worked really well for the parade.
- Suggest an additional speaker for people behind the canteen building.
- Promote the parade in 2025 as the awards may be held elsewhere.
- Suggest a thank you letter be sent to Chris Bowman.



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Areas for improvement:

- Weights and stronger tent pegs are needed for the marquees in windy conditions.
- Pipes and Drums need coordination as they commenced playing over the top of Dayna Hynes performance.
- Consider a segment of Bush Poetry in 2025. Jon May-Steers is willing to perform.
- More shade is needed.

OPTIONS

To adopt, reject or amend the recommendation.

IMPLICATIONS

a. Financial Implications

All expenditure is within budget allocation.

b. Other Implications

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Australia Day Subcommittee - Murrurundi District - 20 November 2023

MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIA DAY SUB-COMMITTEE - MURRURUNDI DISTRICT MEETING - MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2023 - 5pm



PRESENT: Mr Marty Wilson, Mrs Bronnie Johnson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Heather Ranclaud (minutes)

1. APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION

That the apology received from Deb Eather be accepted.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST- nil declared

3. AGENDA ITEMS

ADMd.11.1 Australia Day Awards and Celebrations

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide background on planning events for Australia Day 2024, and for the Sub Committee to make recommendations to Council for the awards and celebrations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Sub Committee endorsed Marty Wilson as Chairman.

The Sub Committee agreed that a combined awards event is supported in 2024 if it is held in Murrurundi at Wilson Memorial Oval on 26 January 2024

The Sub Committee agrees that Murrurundi District Awards be presented for:

- Young Achiever
- Sporting Team
- · Local Champion and
- Citizen of the Year.

ACTION FOR COMMITTEE:

- Entertainment with PA to be booked
- Murrurundi Preschool to be invited to cater for Australia Day 2024.

4. ACTION SHEET

5. CORRESPONDENCE

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- 6. GENERAL BUSINESS
- 7. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS -
- 8. **NEXT MEETING-** to be held on site in January to review program and risk assessment.

The meeting was declared closed at 6.10pm.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move into Closed Council with the press and public excluded in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

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MCAC1.02.2 ACTION SHEET - UPDATE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Mathew Pringle - Director Environmental & Community

Services

AUTHOR: Yolanda Wynn - Community Services Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for the Committee to review and consider items on the Action Sheet for the Murrurundi District Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the issue and response listed in the Action Sheet.

BACKGROUND

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is a Committee of Council and reports to Council. Actions that arise from the CAC – Murrurundi District are recorded and updated in the Action Sheet. This information is available on the Council website.

REPORT/PROPOSAL

Action Sheet - November 2023

District	Meeting Date	Issue	Response
Murrurundi	25/5/23	Investigate sites for new banner poles south of Arnold's Bridge	Ongoing
Murrurundi	24/08/23	Council to generate a QR code for signage that links to Council website.	This action will be deferred until after installation. QR code stickers will be generated and included in river walk signage. Ray Hynes will provide an update.
Murrurundi	24/08/23	Water tank proposed plans for restoration	Council is liaising with the ARTC owners to resolve this.
Murrurundi	24/08/23	Pages Road Rail bridge proposed plans	UGL has contacted Council recently regarding the bridge replacement on behalf of ARTC. Council has been involved in initial discussions and provided our recommendations. UGL is currently investigating the design requirements.
Murrurundi	24/08/23	Clark Memorial restoration	Council will contact LLS to investigate restoration.
Murrurundi	23/11/23	Murrulla causeway	Council has circulated map. It will be delivered in a staged approach. Project Manager currently seeking



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			concreting contractor quotes and will apply for fisheries permit.
Murrurundi	23/11/23	Street beautification – trees and shrubs	Council has a \$5000 tree planting budget available in the financial year, however, Council usually allocates these funds to tree replacement in cemeteries and road reserves. Council may consider increasing its tree planting budget in the 2024/25 operating budget.
Murrurundi	23/11/23	Plumbing works in the CBD area of town	Council has raised with our contractor and project manager to undertake a letter drop to the residents that will be impacted by the works. Likewise, Council can also do a social media post or update the works on our website.
Murrurundi	23/11/23	Corridor of Silky Oak trees between Murrurundi and Blandford	Council will raise this in their next senior management meeting with TfNSW.
Murrurundi	23/11/23	Survey options	Council is moving all digital surveying and consultation to its electronic forms solution, oneblink. This platform, which is integrated throughout our website is responsive and accessible across all devices (mobile, desktop et al). It also integrates into our records management system.
Murrurundi	23/11/23	River walk signage locations	Infrastructure will complete a services check. This has been delayed due to staff unavailability and other competing priorities.

OPTIONS

To adopt, reject or amend the recommendation.

IMPLICATIONS

a. Financial Implications

Nil

b. Other Implications

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.



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MCAC1.02.3 ITEMS RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Amanda Catzikiris - Manager Community Services

AUTHOR: Yolanda Wynn - Community Services Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for the committee to review and consider items submitted by committee members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) - Murrurundi District.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee review the items listed in the report.

BACKGROUND

The Community Advisory Committee is a committee of Council and reports to Council.

Members of the CAC are invited to submit agenda items raised by community members of the Murrurundi district prior to meetings for inclusion in the agenda.

REPORT/PROPOSAL

Questions from CAC members;

From Gerard Howard

- 1. Update from Council on infrastructure services and constraints in relation to Street Beautification Proposal on both sides of Mayne Street, between Adelaide and Victoria Streets.
 - Council Response: Council encourages the Community Advisory Committee to advocate increase of budgets for tree planting in the next DPOP.
- 2. Update from Council on when the owner of the Old Strand Theatre, corner Adelaide Street and Mayne Street, will be repairing the façade of the building. Council Response: Council is unable to provide an update on the repair work as it is a private property and all works are at the discretion of the owner.

From Ray Hynes

- 3. Update on starting time for Murulla St causeway Council response: Murulla Causeway works are going to be tendered out and the market responses are to be negotiated with Grant Funding Authority. This is expected to happen in the next three months.
- 4. Can the committee get an indication of the response to the council's survey on the Murrurundi dams future?

 Council response: The community consultation is still ongoing, closing on 8th of March
 - Council response: The community consultation is still ongoing, closing on 8th of March 2024. Council's Water and Sewer Team will investigate the options and prepare a council report based on the top community priorities.
- 5. Can we discuss again the need for Park seating shelters?



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Council response: Council does not currently have a budget allocation for this work and therefore will need to source grant funding or consider allocating funds in the 2024/25 budget.

6. Can we initiate a tree planting in the park for future shade?

Council response: There is a \$5000 tree planting budget available in the financial year, however, Council usually allocates these funds to tree replacement in cemeteries and road reserves. Council may consider increasing its tree planting budget in the 2024/25 operating budget.

OPTIONS

To adopt, reject or amend the recommendations.

IMPLICATIONS

a. Financial Implications

Nil

b. Other Implications

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.



Infrastructure Services

MCAC1.02.4 CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS - MURRURUNDI
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Rag Upadhyaya - Director Infrastructure Services
AUTHOR: Sophie Bates - Infrastructure Administration Trainee

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Murrurundi Community Advisory Committee with an update on capital works projects in the Murrurundi district.

RECOMMENDATION

That Murrurundi Community Advisory Committee note this report.

REPORT/PROPOSAL

The attached report provides information on capital works projects in the Murrurundi district for the 2023/24 year.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Murrurundi CAC February 2024

Project Name	Summary Scope / deliverables	Project Value	Funding Amount & Source	Estimated Completion Date	Schedule Status Comment	Activities for Next Three Months
			\$504,655 Fixing Country Bridges Program			
Bridges - Blues Bridge	Replacement of timber bridge with concrete bridge	\$ 534,655.00	\$30,000 UHSC \$626,584 Fixing Country	Mar-24	Bridge is open to traffic.	Hot seal approaches. Install signs.
			Bridges Program \$30,000			Hot seal approaches.
Bridges - Little Street Bridge	Replacement of timber bridge with concrete bridge	\$ 656,584.00	UHSC \$688,087 Fixing Country Bridges Program	Mar-24	Bridge is open to traffic.	
Bridges - Scotts Creek Bridge No2	Replacement of timber bridge with concrete bridge	\$ 718,087.00	\$30,000 UHSC	Mar-24	Bridge is open to traffic.	Hot seal approaches. Install signs.
			\$499,043 Fixing Country Bridges Program \$30,000			Hot seal approaches.
Bridges - Scotts Creek Bridge No3	Replacement of timber bridge with concrete bridge	\$ 529,043.00	UHSC	Mar-24	Bridge is open to traffic.	Install signs.
Bridges - Warlands Bridge No1	Replacement of timber bridge with concrete bridge	\$ 639,509.00	\$609,509 Fixing Country Bridges Program \$30,000 UHSC	Mar-24		Install guardrail end terminals. Hot seal approaches. Install signs.
		,	\$478,622 Fixing Country Bridges Program			
Bridges - Warlands Bridge No2	Replacement of timber bridge with concrete bridge	\$ 508,622.00	\$30,000 UHSC \$478,622 Fixing Country	Mar-24	Bridge is open to traffic.	Hot seal approaches. Install signs.
Bridges - Warlands Bridge No3	Replacement of timber bridge with concrete bridge	\$ 508,622.00	Bridges Program \$30,000 UHSC \$485,605 Fixing Country	Mar-24	Bridge is open to traffic.	Hot seal approaches. Install signs.
Bridges - Warlands Bridge No4	Replacement of timber bridge with concrete bridge	\$ 515,605.00	Bridges Program \$30,000 UHSC \$528,117 Fixing Country	Mar-24	Bridge is open to traffic.	Hot seal approaches. Install signs.
Bridges - Warlands Bridge No5	Replacement of timber bridge with concrete bridge	\$ 558,117.00	Bridges Program \$30,000 UHSC \$883, 400	Mar-24	Bridge is open to traffic.	Hot seal approaches. Install signs.
Murrurundi Youth & Community Centre	Construction of new youth and community centre	\$ 880,000.00	Regional Youth Investment Program \$1,150,000	May-25	Design commenced	Complete design, detailed costings and submit DA
Murulla Street Causeway	Upgrade to causeway	\$ 1,250,000.00	Upper Hunter Region Mine Affected Roads \$100,000 UHSC	Aug-24	Prices exceeded RFQ allowance.	Tender required. Document being prepared.

Project Name	Summary Scope / deliverables	Project Value	Funding Amount & Source	Estimated Completion Date	Schedule Status Comment	Activities for Next Three Months
	Sophia Creek Road Upper Dartbrook Road Kars Springs Road Hampshire Road Moonan Brook Road Avocado Road Glenroy Road Possum Springs Road Roma Road Mount Erin Road Yarrawonga Road Nandowra Road Dales Creek Road Sargeants Gap Road					
NSW Betterment Program - Causeways	Middlebrook Road Flight Springs Road Ridgelands Road	\$ 1,872,000.0	NSW Betterment Program	May-25	On Track	Tender documents to be wirtten and put out for submissions
NSW Betterment Program - Drainage	Flaggs Road Lettybrook Road Upper Rouchel Road Summerhill Road Rosebud Road Studleigh Road Upper Dartbrook Road Mount Erin Road Kars Springs Road Brawboy Road Rotherwood Road Coolah Road Ridgelands Road Avocado Road Yarrawonga Road Middlebrook Road	\$ 698,490.0) NSW Betterment Program	May-25	On Track	Tender documents to be wirtten and put out for submissions
Public Cemeteries – Tree Planting Waste Management - Murrurundi Transfer Station	Tree planting in all cemeteries across the Shire Development of new transfer station.	\$ 5,000.00 \$ 275,591.00		Jun-24	of the land. Designs finalised. Ongoing.	Negotiate with local Indigenous group regarding Native Title Claim
Water Supplies - Village Reticulation Project	Installation of three water standpipe filling stations, Parkville, Wingen, Blandford	\$ 600,000.0		Dec-23	On track	Completed and open to public. Capitalisation in December 2023
Urban Raod Reseals	Whole of UHSC	\$ 420,000.0) UHSC	Jun-24	On track	Designs Ongoing
Rural Rd Reseals	Whole of UHSC	\$ 770,000.0) UHSC	Jun-24	On track	Designs Ongoing
Regional Road Reseals	Whole of UHSC	\$ 530,000.0) UHSC	Jun-24	On track	Designs Ongoing

Project Name	Summary Scope / deliverables	Project Value	Funding Amount & Source	Estimated Completion Date	Schedule Status Comment	Activities for Next Three Months
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FUNDIN	G SOURCE SUMMARY
DCP	Drought Communities Programme
SCCF	Stronger Country Communities
R4R	Resources for Regions
LRCIF	Local Roads & Community Infrastructure
CRIF	Crown Reserved Improvement Fund
BLERF	Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund
SSWP	Safe & Secure Water Programme
RNSW	Restart NSW
CRSUP	Driver Reviver Sites Upgrade Program
CPTIGS	Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme



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MCAC1.02.5 MURRURUNDI YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Greg McDonald - General Manager

AUTHOR: Mathew Pringle - Director Environmental & Community

Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the design plans for the proposed Murrurundi Youth and Community Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee endorse the design plans for the proposed Murrurundi Youth and Community Centre.

BACKGROUND

Council has been successful in acquiring funding from the Regional Youth Investment Program enabling them to initiate the reconstruction and revitalisation of the Murrurundi Youth Centre. The Program is a significant initiative dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and overall well-being of young people residing in regional areas.

The committee, at its meeting held on 23 November 2023, considered a report in relation to the results from the Murrurundi Youth Centre Consultation questionnaire. The committee resolved to note the report.

REPORT/PROPOSAL

The proposed development involves the demolition/ removal of the existing youth centre building and basketball court and construction of a new youth and community centre building, covered basketball court and car parking for 14 vehicles.

The proposed building will have a floor area of 248m² and comprises a function space, multipurpose room, office, consultation room, kitchen, amenities and storerooms. The building has been designed to accommodate a range of youth and community activities and services.

The design takes into account the feedback received from the community survey undertaken in October last year and the needs of Council's Youth Services department.

It is anticipated that a development application will be submitted in March 2024 which will be placed on public exhibition.

The expected completion date of the project is September 2024.

Plans of the proposed development are provided in Attachment 1.

OPTIONS

- 1. Endorse the design plans of the proposed Murrurundi Youth and Community Centre.
- 2. Endorse the design plans with amendments.



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3. Not endorse the design plans.

IMPLICATIONS

a. Financial Implications

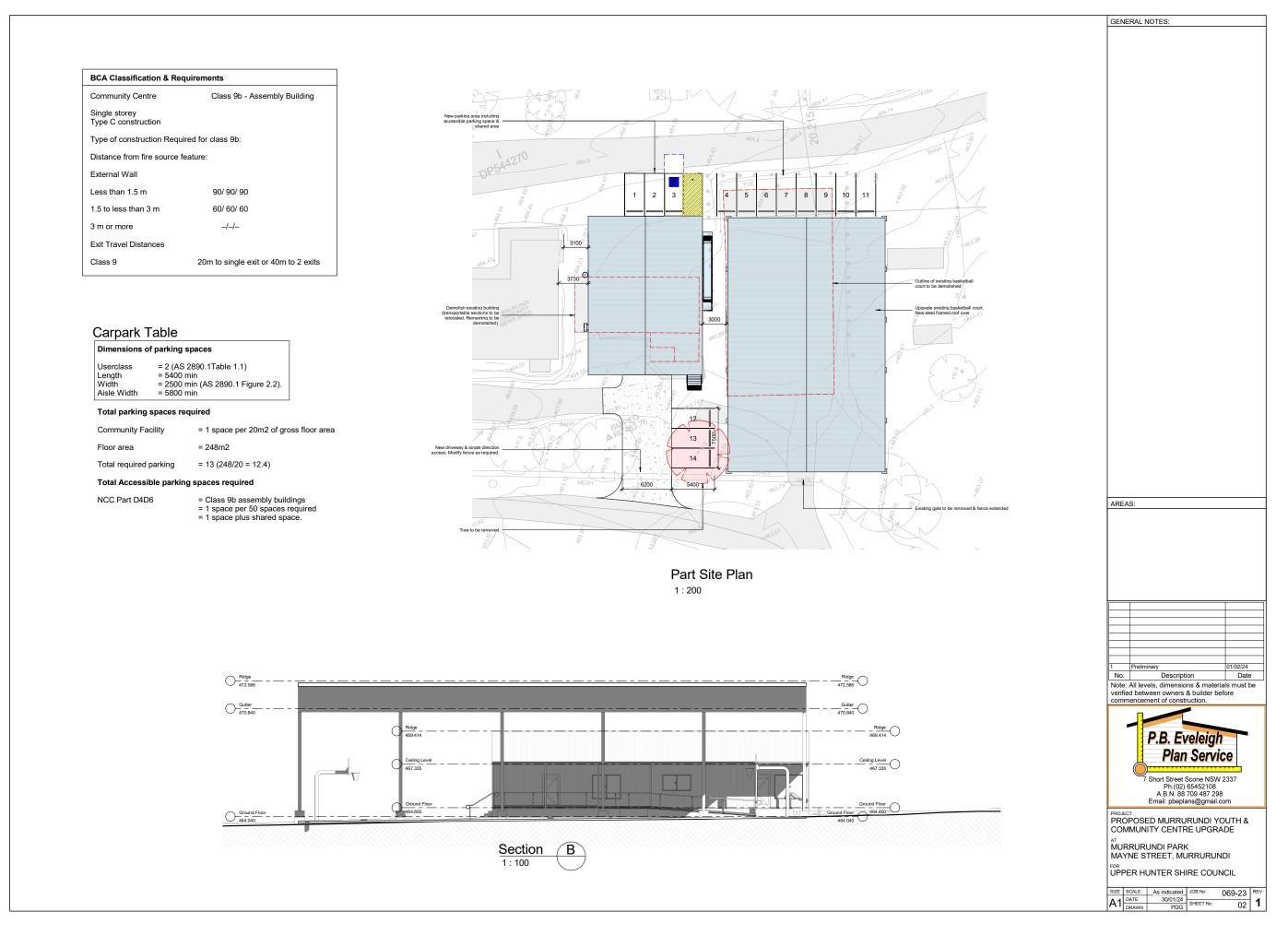
The project budget is \$883,400 which is funded by the Department of Regional NSW, Regional Youth Investment Program.

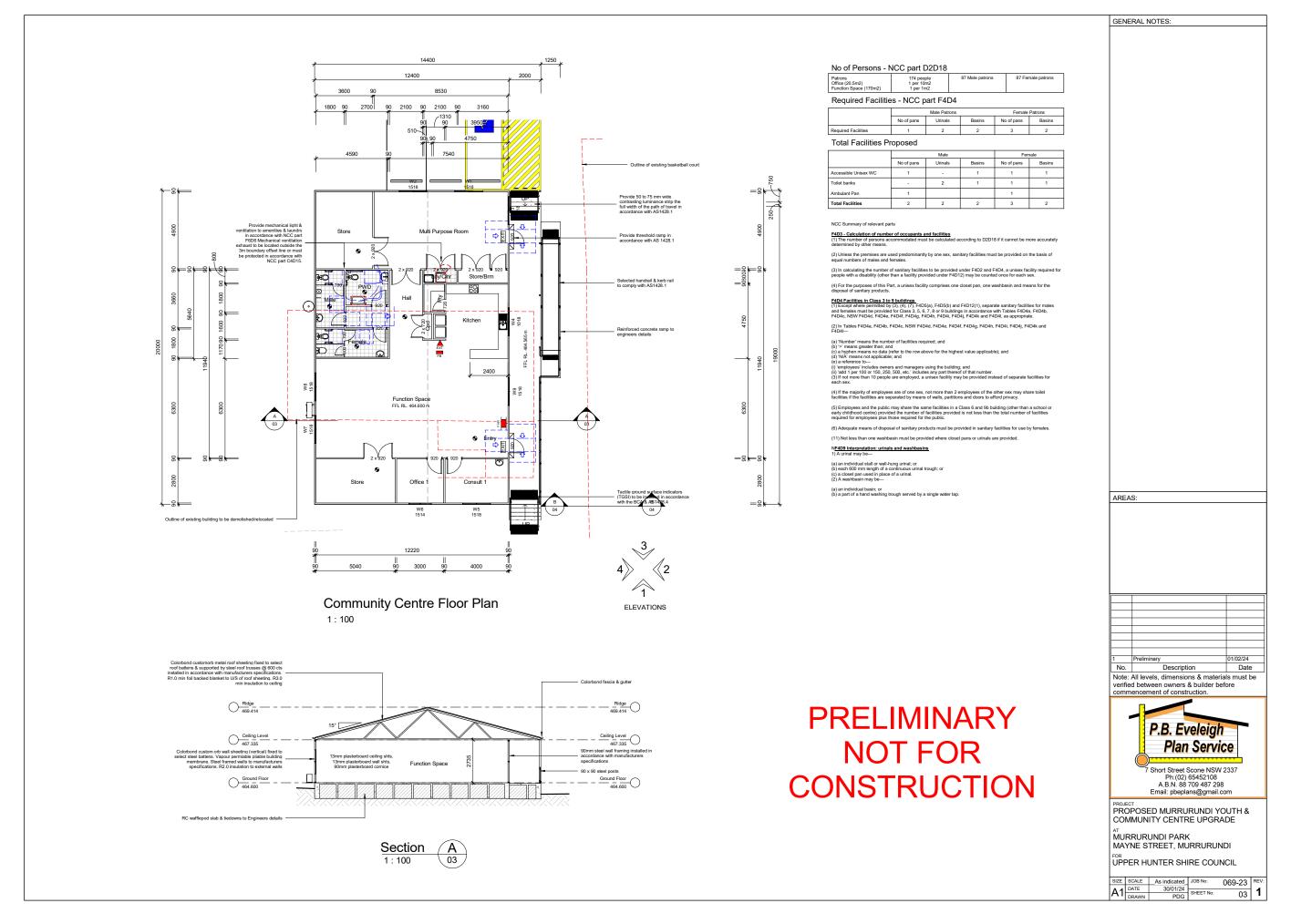
b. Other Implications

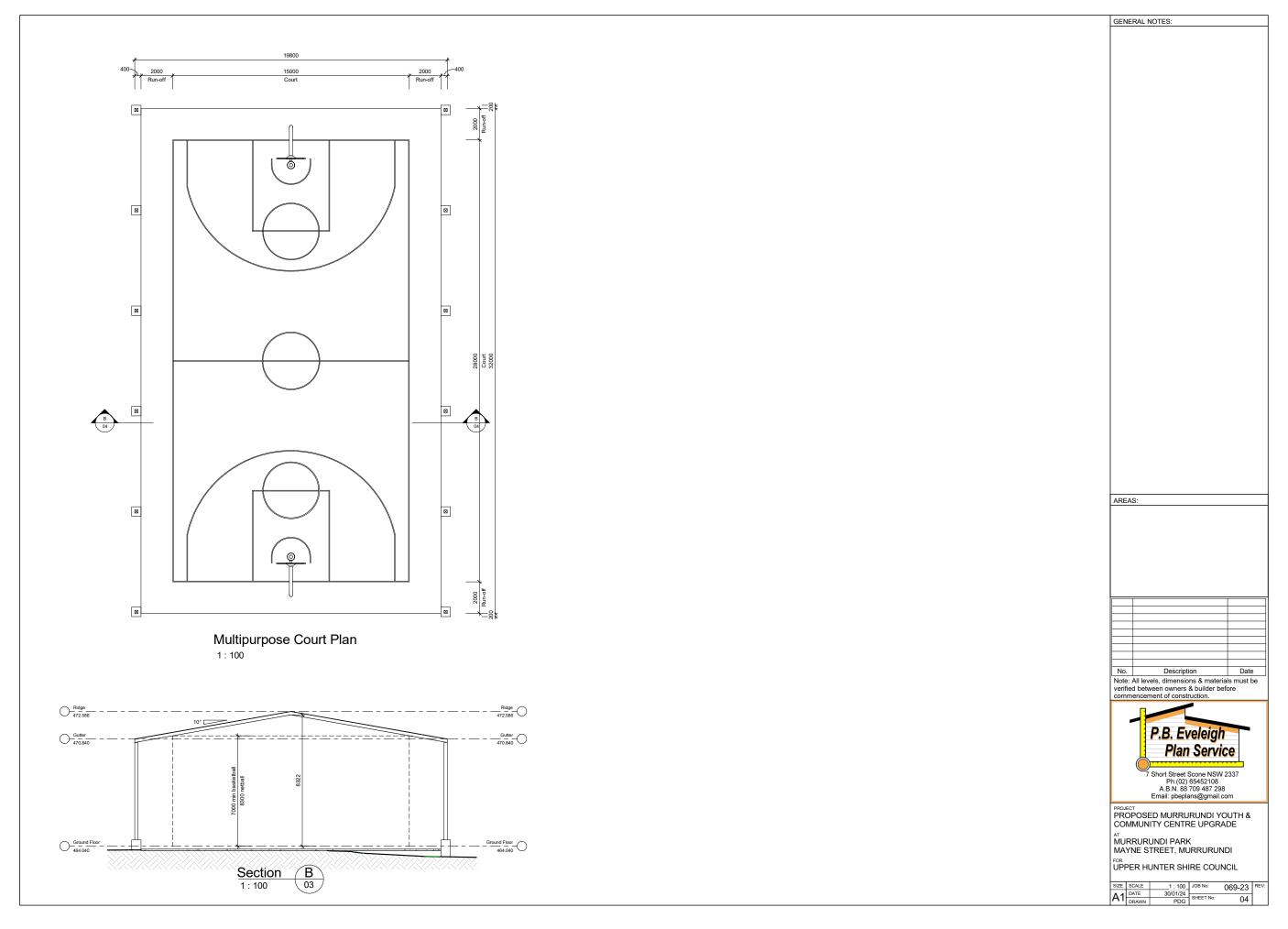
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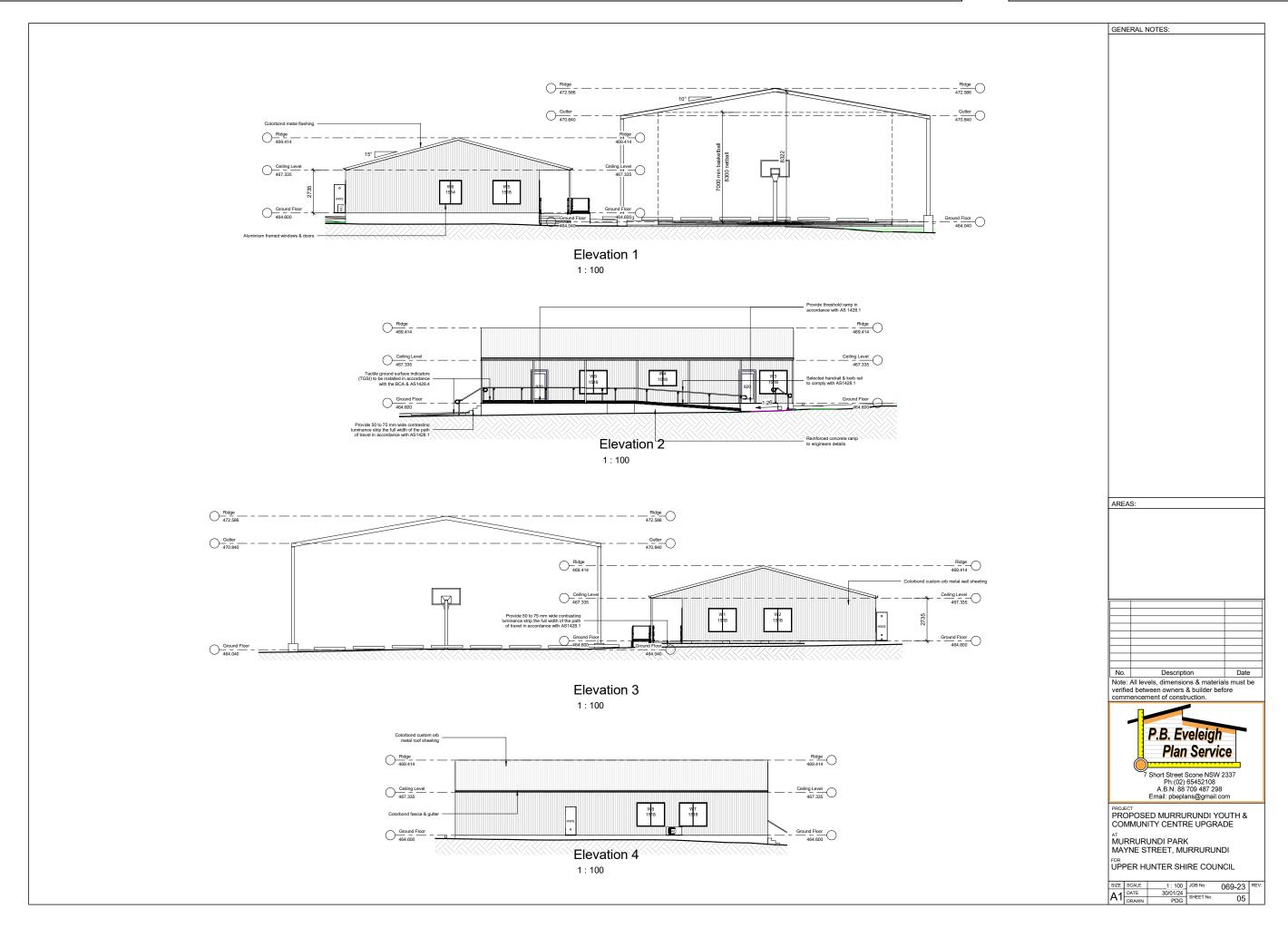
ATTACHMENTS

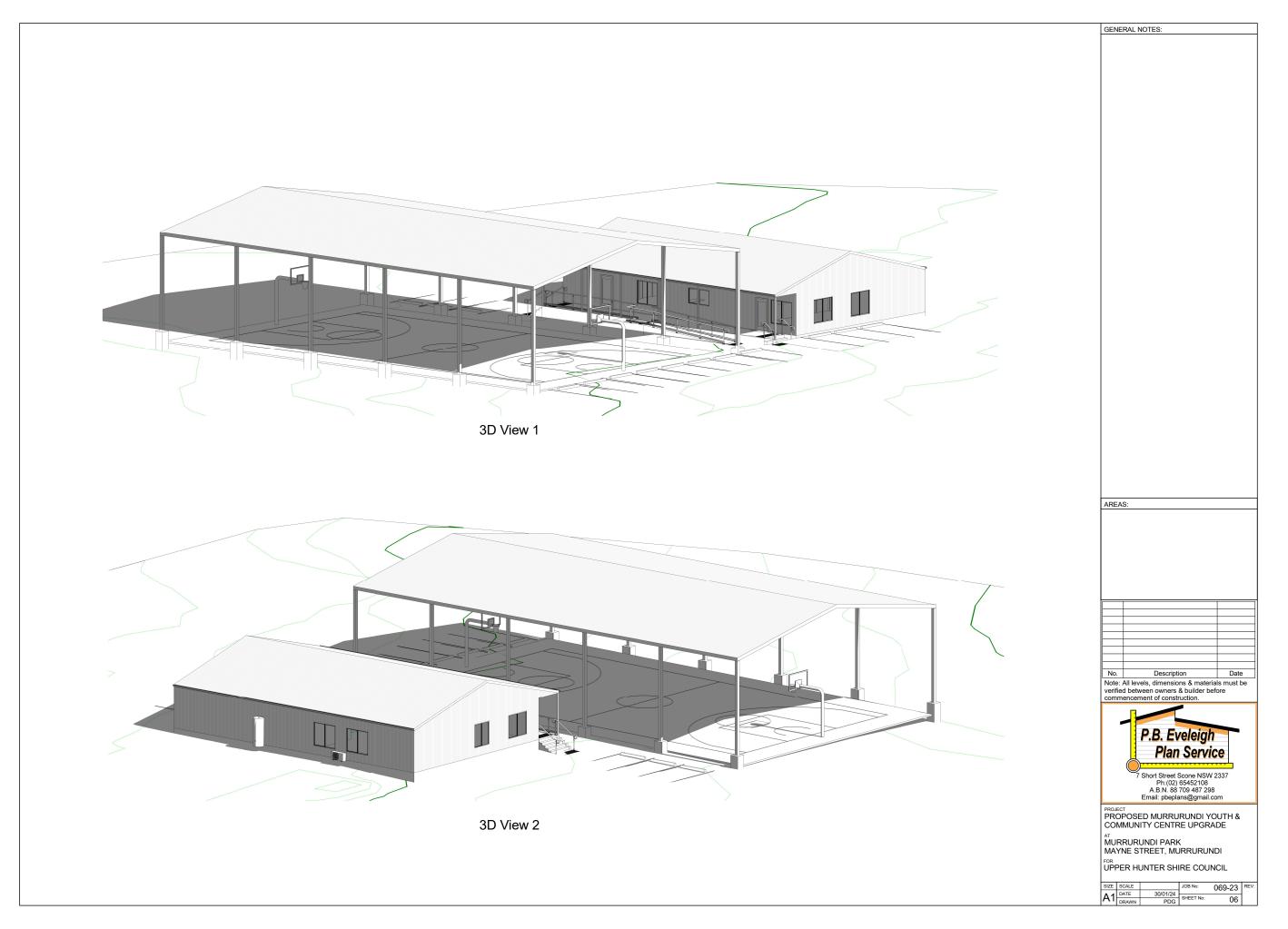
1 Proposed Murrurundi Youth & Community Centre Design Plans













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MCAC1.02.6 MURRURUNDI & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. -

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL RAILWAY

CARRIAGE MONUMENT

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Amanda Catzikiris - Manager Community Services

AUTHOR: Yolanda Wynn - Community Services Officer

PURPOSE

To provide a proposal from the Murrurundi & District Historical Society Inc. with regards to the installation of a railway carriage monument on the museum grounds.

RECOMMENDATION

That the committee:

- 1. receive a presentation from Des Dugan of the Murrurundi and District Historical Society Inc.
- 2. endorse the proposal to install a train carriage in the Murrurundi Museums grounds at 123 Mayne Street, Murrurundi.

BACKGROUND

Nil.

REPORT/PROPOSAL

Towards the end of 2026 the Murrurundi & District Historical Society Inc. will commemorate NSW worst rail disaster before the tragic Granville electric train derailment. In 1926 four wool wagons, along with the guard's van, broke away from a looped freight train at Murulla just outside Blandford on the New England Highway and ran into the path of the 'up' North-West Mail passenger train from Moree at midnight. More than 50 passengers were injured and 26 killed.

The Society wants to revere the centenary by putting a passenger carriage from the era in the museum's grounds which are situated on the New England Highway at Murrurundi. Inside would contain photographs and train displays concerning both the disaster and the early days of rail in the Hunter Valley. The appropriate carriage is in a Transport Heritage auction.

They propose to house this carriage complete on rails in between the present museum (Literary Institute building and the Presbyterian hall) on the main road in Murrurundi, see attachment 1 for Site plan.



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Fig.1 Photograph of proposed site



Fig.2 Example of proposed carriage

OPTIONS

To adopt, reject or amend the recommendation.



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IMPLICATIONS

a. Financial Implications

The project will be funded by the Murrurundi & District Historical Society Inc.

b. Other Implications

The installation of a train carriage requires development consent.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Murrurundi & District Historical Society Inc. - Site plan

