

8 August 2017

Berrigan Shire Council
56 Chanter Street
Berrigan NSW 2712

Dear Councillors,

RE: Request from Finley School of Arts and War Memorial Hall Committee for staged implementation of redevelopment of precinct

The Finley School of Arts and War Memorial Hall Committee ('the Committee') formally acknowledges Council's decision to proceed with the proposed redevelopment of the School of Arts and War Memorial Hall precinct known as option 3. While a majority of the committee does not support Option 3 for the reasons set out in earlier correspondence to Council, the Committee acknowledges that this is a matter for Council.

The Committee wants to work with Council in good faith to implement the redevelopment of the precinct in the hope of minimising any disruption during building works and to achieve the best possible outcome for all user groups and the broader community. As previously articulated one of the concerns held by the Committee regarding option 3 was the loss of toilet amenities for the Memorial Hall. We believe that this can be easily resolved by implementing the following staged execution of option 3:

Stage 1 – Build new toilet facilities on South side of School of Arts

Stage 2 – Once funding has been obtained to build new toilet facilities onto the Memorial Hall, the existing toilet facilities between the 2 buildings be removed and immediately replaced with new toilet facilities as agreed between the Committee and Council.

In the meantime the Committee undertakes to work with the key user groups of the precinct to obtain funding for toilet facilities for the Memorial Hall as soon as possible. The proposed staged approach would ensure that the user groups of the Memorial Hall are not adversely affected by the loss of toilet amenities for an unknown period of time.

In the intervening period the Committee believes that there needs to be a discussion regarding the future of the precinct and in particular whether the School of Arts and Memorial Hall should be permanently separated or be connected with some type of annex. On any view option 3 is the first step in the redevelopment and as such more consideration needs to be given to future works. The Committee wants to work with Council in good faith to identify the next steps and to bring an end to the bitter divide that has arisen in our community over this issue.

We look forward to receiving Council's response to our proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

Finley School of Arts and Memorial Hall Committee