



Extraordinary Meeting of Council

20 September 2017

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**QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL
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ITEM S.1 PREMISES FOR THE QUEANBEYAN SENIOR CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION

ATTACHMENT 1 ACCOMMODATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND QBN FM -
COUNCIL - 26 JULY 2017

Summary

Council has recently announced plans for the redevelopment of the Lowe/Crawford Street carpark into a civic plaza and new Council head office. As part of the proposed redevelopment in that CBD precinct, the Senior Citizens Centre which forms part of the old administration building and QBN FM, is scheduled for demolition. Staff have consulted with representatives from both. No ideal location (within the CBD) is currently available to provide them with similar amenities they currently enjoy, as many of the options will either be demolished or needed for office accommodation. The Letchworth Community Centre has been put forward as a site that will provide for their stated requirements, however it is located just outside the CBD area. Opportunities for transport for senior citizens to offer a drop in amenity will be discussed and considered.

Recommendation

That Council

- a. note the relocation proposal for QBN FM to the Letchworth Community Centre**
 - b. offer the Letchworth Community Centre as temporary accommodation for the Senior Citizens Centre.**
 - c. agree to source a dedicated CBD space, such as the Visitor Information Centre (or similar accommodation suitable for the Senior Citizens Centre) on the completion of the new Council head office redevelopment.**
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Background

The Senior Citizens building, QBN FM station and a range of other Council owned premises are scheduled for demolition as part of the CBD precinct redevelopment. As a result, no CBD accommodation is available to provide the senior citizens or station with the exact amenities they currently enjoy. Much of the Council owned space will either be demolished or required for office accommodation.

The redevelopment of the Lowe/Crawford Street precinct is not expected to be completed for 2 years.

Senior Citizen and FM representatives have been consulted in an effort to locate an appropriate space to fit their needs. While QBN FM are working towards relocating to the Letchworth Community Centre, the Senior Citizens also seek premises with private use, a capacity to house their items of importance including furniture, crockery, memorabilia, easy parking, ability to provide Meals on Wheels catering, and a CBD location to allow a 'drop in' facility.

To address the Senior Citizens needs as fully as possible, a range of available locations in Queanbeyan were explored including the Visitor Information Centre, Riverside Football Clubhouse, the ground floor of the Library, and the Letchworth Community Centre. An analysis of those options are summarized below:

- The Visitor Information Centre, which would be ideal, is required initially for staff accommodation and therefore unavailable in the short term.

- Riverside Football Clubhouse is a high use, shared space and is unique in that it has a kitchen suitable for Meals on Wheels which also has to find a new location for occasional centre based meals without adversely affecting the current users.
- The Library was carefully evaluated as it is in a CBD location with parking at the rear, however this space has also been ruled out as it is regularly used by a wide range of community groups with both long term and intermittent bookings. It is also used by the Library in providing their various programs. Due to various user needs, the senior citizens could not set up a permanent area and would need to pack and store their items after every booking. Since there is minimal storage space in this venue, there would be limited capacity around what they could bring from their current premises to the Library.
- Whilst the Letchworth Community Centre is not in the Central CBD (it is located between 3-4 kilometres away), it fulfils all of the other needs of the senior citizens. It can be set up as a dedicated space (separate from QBN FM) which will house their property and has appropriate parking and storage. The kitchen is scheduled for upgrading as part of the centre renewal plan, and this would allow for a renewal specifically tailored to the needs of the seniors, potentially including re-use of their existing kitchen equipment. Opportunities for transport to offer a drop in amenity may be possible and will be explored.

Implications

Legal

Whilst Council has no legal responsibility to find or fund a new location, Council does recognize the important role groups such as the 'Senior Citizens' and QBN FM play in the community.

Social / Cultural

Council notes that this move will require a level of adaptation to change that the Senior Citizens may be reluctant to embrace. However, the venue offered will inevitably give them the best short term location and will prove to be the least disruptive to their social and cultural purpose. A second recommendation is suggested to offer assurances about long term accommodation that replicates or improves their current position.

Attachments

Nil

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8.11 Accommodation for Senior Citizens and QBN FM

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RESOLVED (Overall)

The Administrator resolved that Council:

1. Note the relocation proposal for QBN FM to the Letchworth Community Centre.
2. Offer the Letchworth Community Centre as temporary accommodation for the Senior Citizens Centre.
3. Authorise the General Manager to undertake appropriate refurbishment works at the Letchworth Community Centre to accommodate those uses.
4. Agree to source a dedicated CBD space, such as the Visitor Information Centre (or similar accommodation suitable for the Senior Citizens Centre) on the completion of the new Council head office redevelopment.