

Coolah Youth & Community Centre Inc.

C/ PO Box 106 COOLAH NSW 2843

President: Alison Meares P. 0407 569 107

Secretary: Angela Maybury P. 0459 482 253

Treasurer: Sal Edwards P. 0458 774 519

Warrumbungle Shire Council
PO Box 191
COONABARABRAN NSW 2357

Attention: The General Manager, Roger Bailey

4th February 2019

Dear Mr Bailey,

RE: Coolah Youth & Community Centre Hall, Lot 1&2 Deposited Plan 986752, 10-12 Binnia Street, Coolah

The Coolah Youth & Community Centre Committee write to you to request consideration by Warrumbungle Shire Council to accept a transfer of community property. The property being the Coolah Youth and Community Centre (CYCC) Hall located opposite the Central School on Binnia Street in Coolah (Lot 1&2 DP 986752).

The CYCC Hall is the only community hall available in Coolah to the public. The Coolah Shire Hall is the home of the public library and Visitor Information Centre and Gallery. The Central School hall has limitations to what it can be used for by the public.

The CYCC Hall sits on two (2) adjacent lots being Lot 1 & 2 Deposited Plan 986752.

The CYCC has been in collaboration with the Coolah Men's Shed Group for over 12 months now, they are actively looking for a space to construct their Men's Shed, store their equipment and conduct their activities. It is proposed that this land continue to be community land, owned by Council, with the Coolah Men's Shed Group building a shed on the adjacent block to the hall with their own funds. Their group would then utilise the Hall kitchen and amenities and contribute to the ongoing maintenance and management of the Hall as part of their activities.

Currently the hall has regular community users, aside from the CYCC which has a number of financial members. There is an Upholstery Group and the Central School regularly use this facility. Since the acoustic panelling has been installed, the hall has been utilised by organisations wishing to conduct workshops such as Local Land Services. There is also great demand from the community for a venue to hold private functions such as birthday's and family reunions.

Upcoming bookings to date for 2019 include, private function, Upholstery (March 5-6, June 4-5 and September 10-11), Coolah Central School (HSC Trials and HSC Exams).

With the CYCC committee wishing to focus all its energy on conducting Youth activities and not on the running of a community hall it would be appreciated if Council gave consideration to transfer the property back into full Community hands as a Council property. This will enable the best long-term option for the community and the many groups who utilise the facility. The CYCC wish the land to remain a community asset, according to the Local Government Act 1993 and not become operational land.

Please see attached Letters of Support for this proposal. We look forward to your favourable support of this transfer.

Yours Sincerely,



Alison Meares
President

Angela Maybury
Secretary



Sal Edwards
Treasurer

COOLAH MENS SHED INCORPORATED

PO Box 28, COOLAH NSW 2843

8 November 2018

The Manager
Warrumbungles Shire Council
PO Box 191
COONABARABRAN NSW 2357

Dear Mr Bailey

The Coolah Mens Shed Inc wish to support the Coolah Youth and Community Centre in their endeavours to transfer the Hall and land to Council as community property. The Mens Shed is desirous of building a Shed on the second block of land.

With many groups utilising the CYCC Hall, including Coolah Central School, Coolah Upholstery Group, C4C(during the Sir Ivan Fire), private functions and workshops, it is already a hall of some significance to the Community.

The Coolah Mens Shed has been in limbo for some years but now wants to again redevelop it's self and wants to also include women. Councils consideration of this transfer of community infrastructure is highly important for sustaining our small rural community. Outcomes for the community of this shared space include:-

- * Foster and grow the Mens Shed and its activities
- * Increase ability to host Youth activities and initiatives in the community
- * Long term sustainability of an important community venue
- * Provide a community hall for hire for private functions and community workshops
- * Support the community through the provision of a shared space.

The Mens Shed has been contacted by Corrective Services to participate in their Community Services program. Unfortunately we are unable to do so due to lack of room, facilities and equipment.

We support the CYCC committee in their request to Council to transfer this property to Warrumbungle Shire Council as community property.

Yours sincerely



R Gardiner
President

“Coolah It’s Tops”

Coolah District Development Group Inc

PO BOX 106 COOLAH NSW 2843

P. 02 6375 0435



Dear Mr Bailey,

The Coolah District Development Group are pleased to support the Coolah Youth and Community Centre in their endeavours to transfer the Hall and land to Council as community property. The CDDG fully supports the Coolah Men’s Shed also, with their plans to collaborate with the CYCC and make this venue home to the Men’s Shed – yet another vital community group. The CDDG see this collaboration between the CYCC, Coolah Men’s Shed and Warrumbungle Shire Council to be valuable for the long-term future of the Coolah Community and its community infrastructure.

The CYCC Hall is a significant community facility for the Coolah community, with many community groups utilising the facility, including Coolah Central School, Coolah Upholstery Group, Caring for Coolah Inc (Sir Ivan Fire recovery) and other organisations such as the Coolah Playgroup in inclement weather. The Hall is often hired for private functions and workshops.

The Coolah District Development Group sees Councils consideration of this transfer of community infrastructure as highly important for sustaining our small rural community. By accepting this transfer and collaborating with both the CYCC and the Coolah Men’s Shed, we see outcomes for the community including:

- Increased ability to host Youth events and initiatives in the community
- Foster and grow the Coolah Men’s Shed and its activities
- Long-term sustainability of an important community venue
- Providing a community hall for hire for private functions and community workshops etc
- Support the continued development of a cohesive community through the provision of a shared space

We wish the CYCC committee and the Coolah Men’s Shed success with the long-term developments of this important community facility and fully support their request to Council to transfer the property to WSC as community property.

Greg Piper

Chairman

Coolah District Development Group



Warrumbungle Shire Council
PO Box 191
Coonabarabran NSW 2357

Attention: The General Manager, Roger BAILEY

RE: Coolah Youth and Community Centre Hall

Dear Mr Bailey

The Coolah Police are pleased to support the Coolah Youth and Community Centre in their endeavours to transfer the hall and land to council as a community property. Police fully support the partnership between the Coolah Youth and Community Centre and the Coolah Men's shed. Police believe the relationship between the Coolah Youth and Community Centre, Coolah Men's Shed and Warrumbungle Shire Council will be an important building block for the community's future.

Police have spoken with members of the CYCC and are excited about the future of the hall and what they wish to achieve for the community. The CYCC are extremely passionate about what they wish to achieve for the community, however with the current condition of the hall and the lack of funding they are unable to achieve these goals.

Police believe that the work of the CYCC and Coolah Men's shed cannot be underestimated in a small community. At a time where residents are being affected by issues such as drought, financial hardship and bullying, police have concerns for the mental health of residents. If council are willing to consider the transfer of this important community infrastructure police, see many positives for the community including:

- Stronger community relationships between residents of all ages through a combined space
- Increased ability to hold community events and youth events
- The growth of the Coolah Men's shed
- Increased community awareness and support issues affecting the community

Other towns within the local government area have activities for their youth such as skate parks and pools. Coonabarabran has specific youth and community programs that all help build strong community relationships. It would be extremely disappointing for the Coolah community if they were to lose community groups such as CYCC and the Coolah Men's shed due to financial issues.

Police believe that the joint venture with CCYC and the Coolah Men's shed with the assistance of the Warrumbungle's Shire Council will be an extremely positive outcome for all residents within the community.

Coolah Police Station

16 Binnia Street, Coolah

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NSW Police Force

Police wish the CCYC and Coolah Men's shed every success with the long-term developments of the community hall and fully support their request to council to transfer the property to Warrumbungle's Shire Council as a community property.

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Keeghan TUCKER
Senior Constable, Lock up Keeper
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November 13, 2018

Sal Edwards
Coolah Community Development Officer
Coolah District Development Group Inc
COOLAH NSW 2843

Re: Letter of support for the Coolah Youth & Community Centre Hall - transfer of community property – LOT 1&2, 10-12 Binnia Street Coolah

To whom it may concern,

I write in support of the transfer of ownership of the Coolah Youth & Community Centre Hall (LOT 1&2, 10-12 Binnia Street, Coolah) to Warrumbungle Shire Council and for it to remain community property.

The CCYC are a volunteer based group and the CYCC Hall is the only community hall available in the Coolah district. With regular users such as the Central School, local Upholstery group and the Coolah Men's Shed Group it is imperative that council give consideration to taking ownership of the property and that the land remains a community asset.

Additionally, by transferring this property, the Coolah Men's Shed are able to apply to build a shed on the vacant lot adjacent to the CYCC Hall. The Men's Shed are a growing and active group in need of a new site.

Please feel free to share this letter as a testament to my support with whomever it may concern.

Regards,



Kevin Humphries MP
Member for Barwon

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Coolah Upholstery Group,
"Pilca Butta",
COOLAH, N.S.W. 2843
5th November, 2018

The Manager,
Warrumbungle Shire Council,
Post Office Box 191,
COONBARABRAN, N.S.W. 2357

Dear Mr. Bailey,

re: COOLAH COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTRE

The CCYC Hall is of vital importance to the Community of Coolah; it provides a function area with all necessary amenities and off street parking.

Our Upholstery Group has been in operation for twenty one years. Our Teacher/Instructor, Peter Schulze, travels from Tamworth for classes in blocks of three days, three or four times per year. As well as being very practical and productive, these classes serve as a great "get-together" for mainly local rural women. Also, during the prolonged drought these classes have proved to be very therapeutic to all concerned. There are ten participants in the Group. The CCYC has proved to be an ideal venue for our classes.

Our Group are pleased to support the proposed transfer of CCYC Hall and land to Warrumbungle Shire Council for our local community. Our Group is only one of many in the Community who utilise these facilities. The proposed Men's Shed transfer to the CCYC site would be good for the Community and the prospect of maintenance to the building being carried out by the Men's Shed members would be beneficial.

We fully support the transfer to Warrumbungle Shire Council, the transfer of the Men's Shed to the site and for the property to remain as community property.

Yours faithfully,



(Mrs.) Liz Stevenson
Fro Coolah Upholstery Group

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"Stenswood"
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J. Powell
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COOLAH CENTRAL SCHOOL P&C

*President: Andrew Thomas Vice President: Kathy Rhindfleish Secretary: Allison Mudford
Treasurer: Lucinda Miller*

Warrumbungle Shire Council
PO Box 191
COONABARABRAN NSW 2357
Attention: The General Manager, Roger Bailey
20th January 2019

Dear Mr Bailey,

RE: Coolah Youth & Community Centre Hall, Lot 1&2 Deposited Plan 986752, 10-12 Binnia Street,
Coolah

The Coolah Central School P&C are pleased to support the Coolah Youth and Community Centre in their endeavours to transfer the Hall and land to Council as community property. The P&C think its fantastic endeavour to support the Coolah Men's Shed with their plans to collaborate with the CYCC and make this venue home to the Men's Shed – yet another vital community group.

The CYCC Hall is a significant community facility for the Coolah community, with many community groups utilising the facility, including our school students, we value this.

We wish the CYCC committee and the Coolah Men's Shed success with the long-term developments of this important community facility and fully support their request to Council to transfer the property to WSC as community property.

Yours Sincerely,



Allison Mudford
Secretary Coolah P&C



COOLAH & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC.

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2nd February 2019
The General Manager
Warrumbungle Shire Council
PO Box 191
COONABARABRAN NSW 2357

Dear Mr Bailey,

RE: Coolah Youth and Community Centre

We tender this letter in support of the proposed transfer of the Coolah Youth and Community Centre to the Warrumbungle Shire Council.

We can see many benefits for the transfer as Community property and they are as follows:

- 1) It gives peace of mind to the Community at large that the asset will remain within the Community.
- 2) Better grant funding opportunities for the Coolah Youth and Community Centre.
- 3) There is a high level of confidence in Council from the Coolah Community.
- 4) There is a vision that the local Men's Shed are going to utilize part of the land and use the hall facilities on a regular basis.
- 5) The partnership that can be fostered between the organisations will prove mutually beneficial to all utilising the facilities.
- 6) The Coolah Youth Hall has been utilised by a wide range of organisations, community member and friends over many years.
- 7) It will be a valuable long-term asset for the Coolah Community having the facility to offer for public use.

We fully support the Coolah Youth and Community Centre in their endeavour to transfer the facility to Council.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Rindfleish', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathryn Rindfleish
Chairperson
Coolah Chamber of Commerce