

## Wollondilly Community Cultural & Civic Precinct

### COMMUNITY UPDATE

We are excited to provide an update about the Wollondilly Community, Cultural & Civic Precinct.

#### The Vision

The Wollondilly Community, Cultural & Civic Precinct seeks to provide a flexible, multipurpose community space that supports a diversity of community, cultural and civic activities, and attracts a wide range of community members, businesses and visitors.

The Precinct will be a community gathering place that provides a safe and inclusive venue for a wide range of formal and informal events and activities.

#### What's New?

Working with Williams Ross Architects and consulting with key stakeholders, we have refined the Master Plan to provide better outcomes for the community. It's really taking shape!



The existing Library building is now slated to transform (in Stage 4) into an arts block, with maker space, exhibition space and community space, plus, an **Arts Laneway** running between it and the Shire Hall. More opportunities for exhibitions, markets, and activation!



Improved layout and flexibility in the Performing Arts Centre.



Children's Services is anticipated to move to (and then remain in) the new community building. Council is also considering the option of offering a **preschool** service – which ideally would be housed in the community building. It's good news for young families.



The **Public Realm plan** (for the outdoor areas) provides an overview of what to expect as you move around in the Precinct space. There's greenery, shade, places to relax, and opportunities for art installations and interpretive signs.

#### What's Happened So Far?



Early work at the **Shire Hall** – external restoration and refurbishment including upgrades to the eaves and windows, and parapet repairs. The floor of the small hall has been replaced due to termite damage, and now has improved ventilation and access underneath.



**Consultation** with key stakeholders on the Master Plan and concept designs for the Community building and Performing Arts Centre.



**Council endorsement** of the concept design of the Performing Arts Centre, and a resolution to investigate offering a preschool as part of Children's Services.

#### What's in Progress?



**New parking spaces!** We understand parking is a key concern in the community, and are ensuring the provision of parking spaces in Picton town centre. We have completed a design for a block of land on Walton Street, begun clearing it, and are programmed to construct early in the new year. This will yield approximately 50 places. More car parks are being identified, as well as several parking spaces on Menangle Street for those with mobility issues. Keep an ear out for more details on parking in Picton town centre.



Council has lodged a Development Application for **new amenities and a new kitchen** at the Shire Hall. This work was earmarked for Stage 3 but has been brought forward to Stage 1 for more immediate benefits for the community. There may be a delay in returning the Shire Hall to community use, but we hope the upgraded facilities make it worthwhile.



**Detailed design work** is starting on the Community (Children's Services) building and the Performing Arts Centre.

## Stages and Approximate Time Frames

STAGE 1

**Stage 1 (2020 – 2023)** Demolition of buildings and relocation of some services, new car parking, initial refurbishments of the Shire Hall, construction of a new performance space and construction of a new childcare building.

STAGE 2

**Stage 2 (2020 – 2024)** Construction of a new Government Services Centre and basement parking.

STAGE 3

**Stage 3 (2023 – 2027)** Creation of a new green civic square, demolition of existing Council building, further Shire Hall improvements, additional car parking.

STAGE 4

**Stage 4 (2026 – 2030)** Construction of a new library, repurposing of existing library, and public domain works across the Precinct and to Colden Street and Corbett (Manolis) Lane.

## An Impression of the Completed Project



## Funding

The project is being funded with secured and available grants; received and projected development contributions; asset renewal funding; as well as a degree of borrowings. The value of Stage 1 is estimated at \$20.1m, and is fully funded by grants including the Western Parkland City Liveability Program (providing \$10.777m), developer contributions and building renewal funds. For more information about the Liveability Program visit the Western Sydney City Deal at [www.wscd.sydney](http://www.wscd.sydney)

## Like more information; have questions or comments?

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