

Dear Residents of the American River Community

I am writing to you with respect to the future of the American River Hall.

Over the years there have been many questions raised by the Community regarding the future of the Hall. Land has been divided and sold and proceeds of sale, around \$60,000 have been reserved for use when the future of the hall is determined.

Questions that require to be considered are:

- Condition of the Building and associated toilets – the building has significant refurbishment requirements and needs all compliance issues dealt with if it is to be utilised in the future. Cost estimates are between \$200-\$900,000. Much of this will depend on building and demolition requirements to deal with Asbestos.
- Use of the hall – currently there is very little use of the Community Hall something common to most of the Community Halls on the Island – over the years The Shed has taken the place as the default Community Meeting place at American River.
- If the Hall is determined not to be economic to refurbish and use in-situ what existing service / facility in the township would the Community wish to see enhanced for cost effective Community benefit?
- In light of the apparent costs to refurbish and should the Community determine the Hall must remain and be upgraded, are the Community willing to assist Council in paying for the required works through fund raising, a special rating provision over a number of years or revenue generating activities?

In order to determine an outcome for the Hall, Council agreed with some community members at the last full Council Meeting to hold a public meeting, which will be independently facilitated, and held on the Tuesday 19th January at 5.30pm to discuss such matters.

We have published information on Council's website in regards to previous decisions and investigations into the cost of repairs to the hall, we encourage you to review this information.

It is important that you attend this public meeting to have your say in the future of a community asset.

Yours sincerely



Peter I Clements
Mayor