

Library Relocation Collective Summary – Design

Summary

Consultation was undertaken via Your Say SJ and by paper-based surveys located at Mundijong library and the Shire Customer Service Centre. Respondents were asked to choose which design concept they preferred for the library services facility in Byford. Three options were presented all being different in capability of providing a library service.

Enhanced Library Service

The respondents have highlighted several areas which they consider to be a factor in the overall success of the design of the library. The following themes have come through the strongest throughout the consultation:

Time frame to purpose-built library. - Respondents reflected that the time frames to a purpose-built library have now increased, making the Byford Hall option a longer-term relocation. Respondents commented that if the library is to serve the community for ten years or more it should provide adequate space and facilities.

Co-Working spaces – Respondents viewed the inclusion of co-working spaces as an important feature they would like to see in the Byford Hall library design. Viewing them as an essential part of supporting new business in the Shire.

Improved Community spaces – The inclusion of community spaces has been a feature of the consultation, with respondents suggesting that appropriate space for community use and programming is an essential element of library services.

Accessibility – Respondents expressed that accessibility is an important feature for the library to possess. Both in terms of structural accessibility, for example public access toilets with universal access, and in terms of service accessibility for example after hours returns functionality.

Staff facilities - The community consultation respondents indicated that having staff facilities was important to the functionality of the library. This correlates to the previous survey whereby the current customer service level at Mundijong Public Library is the key factor in the overall success of the library service. To achieve this, respondents have highlighted the need for not only appropriate staff workroom also the need for staff amenities.

Summary Responses – Library Concept Design Survey

Q2 Please provide any other comments or feedback regarding your preferred concept design.

Number	Concept Chosen	Content	Response
2	3	For a shorter time frame option 2 would be preferred however external toilet access is still not ideal. Given that this space is to be used over 10 years the significant financial investment is worthwhile to provide current and adequate services to the growing community.	Noted: Time frame to purpose-built library
3	3	More useful for the community	Noted: Community spaces
4	2	Provides adequate space for collection and programs without changing the hall too much or changing the front facade of the hall.	Noted: Collection space
5	1	Based on the fact of a new library proposed to be built near Woolworths in the future, it doesn't seem viable to spend all the extra money and time to upgrade to option 3 for a short-term fix	Noted: Time frame to purpose-built library
6	1	Public libraries are a waste of taxpayers' money, everything needed is on the internet.	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
7	2	No comment left	
8	2	I like the design of this option an at least this one has an option for staff meeting/room.	Noted: Provision of staff facilities

9	3	Must do toilets, must do the larger project don't trust it will only be for 10years. Larger project is more 'useable' for community post library occupation.	Noted: Time frame for purpose-built library Noted - Toilet facilities
10	2	Option 2 is the only one that provides a universal access toilet to patrons and staff. Safe access to bathroom facilities by all people should be a priority in all government facilities.	Noted: Provision of staff facilities Noted - Toilet facilities
11	1	If this is just a temporary option for a library, I do not see the justification in spending over \$1million on a library. It is a waste of community spending and against the wishes of many of the community members. The council so far have not listened to their community members!	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
12	3	As this building is likely to have 10+ years use I see the benefit in the additional works. In particular the toilet upgrades, meeting space and tech components. Staff having good space is important too. I work at a neighbouring Council and appreciate officers will have put a lot of thought into the plans.	Noted: Time frame to purpose-built library Noted - Toilet facilities Noted -Provision of staff facilities
13	1	Should never of been moved. Should not be depriving BYFORD of the town hall	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
14	3	We need co-working spaces and options for start up businesses here in Byford. We need to be innovative and bring opportunities. The 3 design brings several of those opportunities to Byford.	Noted: Co-Working spaces

15	1	I still feel this is a huge waste of rate payers funds. The amount of money each concept is based on could build a brand new purpose built library facility if the Shire had've used some forward thinking. Using the Byford Hall as a "temporary" solution is ludicrous.	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
16	3	Concept plan 3 appears to be more visually appealing and user friendly. It avoids making the collection area congested. It is wonderful that it includes a dedicated children's area as it would be a sad downturn to lose the child friendliness of our SJ library. Our shire is helping children to develop a love for books! Concept 3 is much less of a make do and will more likely enhance the library reputation even more and make it a wonderful feature for the Byford town.	Noted - Enhancement of library services Noted - Collection space Noted - Children's services
17	1	I have picked option 1, but only because I had to pick a option to have a say. My say is really, leave it in Mundijong, nothing wrong with where it is now. Save the money and use it where it's more needed. The library is in a great location as it is.	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
18	3	No Comment left	
19	1	Option 1 as it is the least cost from our rates for such a temporary library and temporary idea. Also because it is not providing what the community actually wants or requires it MAY mean the Shire will quickly sort out the permanent version! I look forward to seeing the permanent library designs asap. So please choose the least expensive design.	Noted – disagrees with council resolution. Noted - Time frame to purpose-built library.

20	1	For a temporary library then the less money spent the better, and the easier the change back to the Byford Hall will be....and for all of the groups and individuals that use, and have used the hall for dance and activities for years, that day can't come soon enough!! Ludicrous proposal from the beginning to end and an utter waste of money!! So the less you waste the better	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
21	1	No comment left	
22	1	Clearly the shire is not interested in any actual feedback from community because if they were they would leave the library where it is. Armadale has a state of the art library that Byford residents could attend if they don't wish to drive to our beautiful area. Leave the library where it is and build a new library here in Mundijong for the local residents to enjoy. Why waste millions of dollars on something that is supposedly not permanent !!!!!	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
23	3	Please leave the library where it is you can still put one in Byford if you really feel it is needed but I don't see why everything needs to be moved to Byford. You are slowly killing Mundijong by removing all reason for people from Byford to visit this will hurt local businesses and families. My vote is upgrade current library or build number 1 in Byford and upgrade Mundijong to a number 1 also costing the same as proposal 3 in total	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.

24	3	It wouldn't let me leave an option Blank but I vote for NONE of the options. Alcoa provided a grant for the current library to be built and I vote to leave the library where it is, I think all 3 options are a complete waste of money, get over yourselves and pump that money into areas that need it, you have a perfectly good library so why change it? I wonder how some of you have a job, you just have to change things to justify your job where in reality your as thick as two short planks.	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
25	1	None of them. ONLY PICKED OPTION ONE AS CAN'T BE LEFT BLANK...Stop wasting ratepayers money and listen to what they actually want. Which was not to move the library at all.	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
26	3	Hope there will be plenty of parking because you have the Doctors and the bus terminus in the same area	Noted: Accessibility
27 & 28	3	If this project now has to be sustainable for longer (now 10 years plus), then the community deserves a fully functional library that meets the needs of a growing area. If this is more cost effective in the long run also, then it is the best plan. However I don't agree with a large co-working space or "hot desk" area. As a small business owner who works from home, it is unlikely that I would use this portion of the library, especially if I would have to pay for it. I would continue to have larger client meetings in a different environment, such as a Cafe. I do believe an area for the Community History Collection is imperative as this Shire continues to change and evolve.	Noted: Time frame to purpose-built library Noted - Community spaces Noted - Community History
29	2	If the space is to be 'temporary' 10 years then 3 option seems to be a little extreme though it provides all requirements.	Noted: Time frame to purpose-built library

30	3	Co working space is an asset greatly needed in the Shire. It would great to see this designed in consultation with local small businesses and freelancers through Business SJ.	Noted: Co-working spaces
31	1	waste of money for a short-term temporary solution	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
32	2	This option disrupts the building least but still provides some basic upgrades ie the toilets so once the library is relocated (again) future users of the building have better facilities Why can't the library stay in its current location in Mundijong until the new building is built, this saves on spending unnecessary funds for a temporary move? And less disruption to library users and existing users of the hall.	Noted: Improved facilities Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
33	1	This shire cannot afford such grandiose schemes for a project which, when all is said and done, is only a temporary fix to a problem they alone created.	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
34	3	A co-working facility is long overdue in Byford. Many other LGA's have this available for existing businesses and start-ups, this will help bring us in line with them. We need more affordable, office rental space, there's nothing available. This concept, #3, seems to be the best option, especially because of the access. Thanks	Noted: Co-working spaces
35	3	The old building needs to go. It's outdated and ugly. Option 3 is the only way forward	Noted: Improved Shire facilities
36	1	Cost factor being for short term use only the shire should use minimal expense . The shelving should be turned on a 45 degree to encourage the flow through effect of a larger space.	Noted: Collection layout
37	2	Accommodates all the services provided by the current building with additional relevant accommodation for such as an archive room	Noted: Community History and Archives

38	3	Please ensure bicycle racks provided to encourage people to be active and have a safe place to secure bikes. the parking is already limited including no street parking adjacent to the hall (gp side). thank you	Noted: Accessibility
39	1	None of these are suitable. However only option 1 aligns with what was proposed in your feasibility report for a temporary design Before this progresses the community would like to see the plan for desk layouts in the library. I think given you are providing a temporary location for 10 years you need to go back to the drawing board on this. No consideration has been given with regards to parking.	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
40	2	No comment left	
41	3	This looks like the best of the 3 - more spacious and open	Noted: Improved facilities
42	3	No comment left	
43	3	The Shire has been considering the need for a new administration building for at least 15 years, yet the only solution they see is to take back Community Halls for their own use, ie Mundijong Community Hall, now the Mundijong Public Library building and the Byford Hall. Are we the Shire residents going to lose all our Community Halls for Shire use before they build entirely new administration block for their own use? All these stop gap measures are an expensive waste of ratepayers money.	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.
44	1	I am against the library move from Mundijong. I cannot understand why the Shire would spend all this money to move to a temporary location just to get more office space for yourselves. Sense would say that if the Library has to be moved it should be a purpose built facility that is permanent - a one off cost rather than a Temporary move costing over \$1 million even though partly funded by grants. Build a one off fit	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.

		for purpose building in a central location for the Shire i.e., Mundijong then move the offices in to the old library.	
45	3	Archive Room should be enlarged by including part of Meeting Room 1. Combine remainder with Meeting Room 2 to provide 2 larger rooms. Green area on east side of building should be included in floor area to provide additional Meeting Room. Create Meeting Room 3 by enclosing space between Meeting Room 2 & Makerspace. A designated SJ Library Friends storage and book sale space. More Library storage.	Noted: Community history and Archives Noted: Community spaces and meeting rooms Noted: Storage
46	3	Long term use no 3 is ideal	Noted: Time frame to purpose built library
47	3	Dedicated parents room with feeding facilities and toddler toilet and sink. Door to the play area to the inside of the library Kids zone with couches to sit and read Increased parking Return drop zone with external slot	Noted: Accessibility for parents Noted: Accessibility Noted: Community spaces and layout Noted: Accessibility- parking Noted: Accessibility – after hours returns
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49	3	No comment left	
50	3	Option 3 provides a library that will service the community until the 2032 library is available. It provides options for community and more opportunities for new services.	Noted: Time frame to purpose-built library Noted: Improved facilities
51	1	No comment left	
52	3	Option 3 has more community spaces which means it caters for all groups of people within our community.	Noted: Improved Community spaces
53	2	No comment left	

54	1	<p>In the initial concept brought to the ratepayers, the grant funded 70% of the move leaving 30% to the SJ Shire. On top of the grant of 1.3mill + an additional \$400,000 for option 1 (basic option) + an additional \$70,000 to upgrade Cardup. I don't understand how moving hall is a better option than waiting to move into a purposefully built facility especially when additional rate payers money is needed to get the bare minimum for the facility. This is considering the council votes for option 1 and not 2 or 3 which will increase shire contribution of between 1 and 2 million dollars. If the council were to approve option 3 with the intention was to leave the hall as a library (not move to projected health centre) then I would be for the decision as it would be a better use of money. However, I wonder if the facility expansion is appropriate for the space around the hall, to include parking and outside space</p>	<p>Noted: Cost Noted: Time frame to purpose-built library</p>
55	3	<p>The Co Working Space will be a key asset for all existing and emerging businesses.</p>	<p>Noted: Co-working spaces</p>
56	1	<p>No comment left</p>	
57	1	<p>The library being housed in the town hall building should do so with minimal changes to the existing building and with no excess costing. The 3rd concept while very impressive is outside the original concepts made and will create too much traffic and congestion for that site. Concept 3 is far beyond the original proposals made. The town hall is history and shouldn't be toyed with like this.</p>	<p>Noted: Cost</p>

58	2	<p>*The Byford Hall was built 60 years ago in 1961 and Byford wants to maintain its hall, so minimal change to the building's footprint would allow easier conversion back to being the town's historic hall. *This library is still only going to be temporary until the purpose built, state-of-the-art one is constructed and that could be forced sooner than 2032 if this building is not addressing the needs after a few years, like it was originally planned. *Option 2 layout has functional spaces allocated for staff, resources and community use in the hall's original footprint. *It would be a quicker timeframe to convert the hall to a functioning library than Option 3. Less disruption and construction time is vital for the staff and the community, if the library is going to succeed.</p> <p>*The only public toilets in Byford are retained on the outside of the building.</p> <p>*The cost of Option 2 is much less than Option 3, and funding options outlined for Option 2 seem less demanding on the Shire's contribution i.e. the ratepayers.</p>	<p>Noted: History of hall Noted: Purpose built facility Noted: Staff facilities and community spaces Noted - Collection spaces Noted: Disruption to service Noted: Public toilets Noted: Costs</p>
59	2	<p>If this is not to be a permanent change, then to spend money on extras is not sensible. Whilst I believe that unnecessary spending should be minimal, I also realize that the building should meet a lot of the community needs and it should have extra meeting and community event space. Therefore, I feel option 2 will meet those needs without being wasteful. I would also like to say I am still not happy that the shire has initiated the move in the first place.</p>	<p>Noted – disagrees with council resolution. Noted - Community spaces</p>
60	2	<p>Concept 2 is better allocation for funds for an interim library for the 10 year period. This will help establish a library service whilst we await the purpose built library and community hub.</p>	<p>Noted: Costs and time frame to purpose-built library</p>
61	3	<p>3 looks better than the other ones. Will be better for the community.</p>	<p>Noted: Design Noted: Community space</p>

62	3	The third option will provide for more versatile facilities and services which will be increasingly important as the shire's populations grows.	Noted: Community space and access
63	3	I do not believe that any of the options are viable if you are taking money from the funding for our roads. There are many roads that are in desperate need of repairs or upgrades. Currently the road at the Cardup Siding crossing is becoming dangerous with a large sharp dip forming on the South West Hwy side of the railway line, this dip is located right next to the train track. I do not understand why the Shire does not re-purpose the current CRC building to house both the resource centre and the library. Most other councils have both a library, community information and resource centres and small start up business offices located in the same building. Go look at the Adonis and Lotteries Commission Buildings in Gosnells on Albany Hwy. http://www.gclh.org.au/	Noted – disagrees with council resolution. Noted: Co-working space and other facilities
64	3	Please ensure disability toilets are available - even better, gender neutral toilets	Noted: Accessibility Noted - Toilet facilities
Paper	3	The library space in Byford needs to provide for multiple uses including desk use, business support and high speed WIFI	Noted: Community spaces and Business Support Noted - Technology provision
Paper	No Choice made	Why bother as a rate payer we are not listened to, our opinions count for nothing? You are wasting our money on this (the rate payers) you as a Shire are a disgrace. Why not put it in demountable until you build behind Coles in Byford. I will not be going to Byford for my library.	Noted – disagrees with council resolution.

Email	3	<p>If we are to have this Library for 13 years this is not "temporary", therefore it is important to get it right for where we will be in 13 years' time.</p> <p>There will be much growth in the area, and we might be required to use this library for longer than 13 years.</p> <p>Most important is the correct placement and updating of the ablutions, we cannot upgrade a building which is not within today's standards for required building and health codes.</p> <p>Points to consider would be:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy disability access (including impaired vision). A place for mothers with baby change requirements. Safe disposal for used syringes (and availability of clean ones). Availability of condoms and female hygiene products. <p>We must try not to moralize but to be one step ahead of the requirements for a safe and healthy environment.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Noted: Time frame for purpose built library</p> <p>Noted: Accessibility</p> <p>Noted: Safe environment</p>
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