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Nunawading Community Hub Project Update Newsletter April/May 2017



Project Vision

The Nunawading Community Hub will be an inviting and highly accessible local place with a range of flexible internal and external spaces for both active and passive activities, providing for a broad range of groups and individuals, now and well into the future.

When completed in late 2019, a variety of community groups and services will call the hub their home, including those currently operating out of Silver Grove, Nunawading.

Stakeholder Consultation Update

A second stakeholder workshop for Silver Grove user groups was held in February. Project architects Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (fjmt) outlined the design process they are conducting, and presented the high-level room layouts and potential interrelationships between internal and outdoor spaces, derived as a result of data and information gathered to date.

Feedback on the information presented and additional comments received about the usage

and functionality of the new facility is being taken into consideration for the development of the architect's return brief which will be provided to Council for sign off. This brief captures all of the information needed to create the concept design of the hub — information from stakeholders as well as reports from engineers and other consultants.

Some ideas from stakeholders put forward at the second workshop include:

- Utilisation of building during longer hours
- More parking options
- Indoor/outdoor access to more usable space
- Potential for larger group functions
- Building to provide full audio-visual equipment throughout
- Potential for co-location and shared interests

fjmt is currently conducting further meetings with individual user groups to gather any supplementary information specific to their needs as well as any additional comments they may have about the shared environment such as reception and display areas, kitchen facilities, administration, parking and the like.

The current round of consultation will conclude in June, after which a summary document detailing the outcomes of group workshops, individual meetings and onsite visits, will be prepared for distribution to all stakeholders.

Council appreciates the participation of all Silver Grove user groups in helping ensure the hub is responsive to their needs as well as those of the wider community.

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Behind the Scenes

Managing a project the size of the Nunawading Community Hub is a complex process, requiring the planning and organisation of a broad range of activities involving myriad engineers, specialty consultants, government agencies and service authorities.

Some of the current project management activities running in parallel with the stakeholder consultation and architectural design processes include:

- tendering for appointment of a quantity surveyor to assist with cost planning and commercial management of the project
- tendering for appointment of a building surveyor to help ensure the buildings are designed and constructed in compliance with building regulations
- working with consultants on risk planning, environmental sustainable design opportunities, landscape masterplanning and underground service requirements
- liaising with VicRoads regarding traffic management planning
- meetings with specialist consultants and project working groups on a range of specific issues such as preservation of the former school's heritage building and kitchen requirements for Council's Meals on Wheels service that will be located at the new hub.

A range of other engineers, consultants and service agencies will also contribute their expertise as the project progresses to ensure the final outcome meets Council's vision for the hub in providing a highly accessible and multi-functional community facility.

What's Happening Next?

The table below shows the major project activities to be conducted in 2017.

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Activities 2017	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Stakeholder consultation								
Concept design								
Detailed design development								
Expression of interest for builder								
Contract documentation for construction								



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