

## FAQs – Edenhope Cultural and Community Hub

### **How will this project impact on my rates?**

The contribution by council for this proposal has been incorporated into council's Long Term Financial Plan. Therefore, council does not expect the project to have any impact on rates. The remaining funding variance is expected to be achieved through a combination of sources ie. Community fundraising, government grant opportunities.

### **What is the funding break down for this project?**

In May 2016, Member for Mallee Andrew Broad advised West Wimmera Shire Council it was eligible to receive funding through the Commonwealth's Drought Communities Program. Council has allocated a notional amount of \$700k from this Program to the Hub.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting June 2015, council resolved to match community fundraising efforts dollar-for-dollar, up to a maximum limit of \$500k. This means, if the Edenhope community fundraise \$300k, council will contribute \$300k.

Additional funding will be sought through various Victorian Government programs to cover the deficit.

### **Who is in charge of community fundraising?**

Edenhope Vision and Voice are the recognised fundraising agency for this project. Council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Vision and Voice, recognising this.

### **Why is Council doing this?**

The proposal has been discussed at length over many years. Council believes this project will achieve numerous benefits for the community and council. The Hub will bring together community, civic and learning facilities within a central precinct, free up Council-owned sites for new development, and help attract private and government investment. The need for a significant upgrade to the current Edenhope Mechanics Hall is also a contributing factor.

### **What will the Community Hub look like?**

In September 2016, council engaged the professional services of Jakob Kelly Architects to undertake the architectural and structural design of the Edenhope

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Cultural and Community Hub. Specific designs are scheduled to be drafted by November. At this time, significant community consultation will be undertaken on the design proposal.

This investment will support new civic and professional meeting spaces, exhibition and visitor information areas, a modern, connected library, learning and information facilities, together with a functional floor space for local and visiting performances. The Hub will provide all-abilities access and incorporate Environmentally Sustainable Design Principles, to ensure it efficiently and effectively meets the future needs of Edenhope.

### **Will there be any disruption to services?**

Council will aim to minimise disruption to services. However, there may be a stage where the hall and/or supper room are not able to be used. Council will provide sufficient notification to anyone making bookings of the current facility during this time.

### **When will the community hub open?**

It is proposed construction could commence as early as the middle of 2017, and council is looking to have the Hub completed by 2019.

More information |

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