

Stakeholder Workshop

Hopes

Users:

- The facility supports lifelong learners through collaboration and extension and provides more access and more opportunities to students and a wider community.
- Genuine community hub to benefit all.

Activities:

- Real life interaction and practical experience – media, café, early childhood.
- Technology skills for the older age group.
- Maintaining links with regional agriculture – network space for ag-industry – farmers/growers.
- Wiradjuri spaces and classes in community language.
- Parent and young children reading groups, play groups.
- Out of school hours programs for children.
- Small business support.

Technology:

- Connectivity for all towns and villages.
- Seamless access to technology, technology skill development.
- Video conferencing facility.
- Virtual reality.

Access:

- Extended hours with 24/7 access to adult learning/ CUC space.
- Allocate time to school and community respectfully.
- Bike path, mobility scooter access and charging stations.
- Adequate parking close by.
- Safe for children.

Design:

- Circular spaces for meeting – garnering circles, inspired by Aboriginal Cultural Values re space and place.
- Beautiful building visible to the passing public, visually appealing.
- Ecologically Sustainable Design
- Flexible, fluid use of space
- Creates community connectedness to place and history.
- Respect heritage of buildings, park, trees.
- 21C thinking.

Inclusions:

- Zoned spaces – quiet- peaceful- contemplative, active, age appropriate; newspapers; games.
- Arts facilities for all regional students, gallery space.
- State of the art film and recording studio.
- STEAM(D) workshop.
- Multimedia resources.
- The current Community Hub.
- Meeting spaces for Multicultural Society, community clubs.
- Community Kitchen – multicultural/ethnic foods classes.
- Café.
- Country Universities Centre.
- Outdoor settings:
- Inclusive playground.
- Reading and relaxation areas.
- Peaceful outside areas.

Concerns

- The main concern raised was the proposed location of Carrington Park in relation to:
- Potential loss of green space
- Loss of heritage aspects
- Distance from the CBD
- Access for the elderly
- Ensuring the facility is a joint use facility

Meetings with Stakeholders

Passive community feedback has been collected for several years on the need for an updated library service and in recent months more intensive engagement with the local community has taken place surrounding where the facility is to be located and what it will include.

In partnership with School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW), Hilltops Council recently held a Community Meeting to explore the communities hopes and concerns for the joint-use facility.

A series of preliminary conversations have also been conducted to ascertain the perceived needs by the Hilltops Community. Feedback from the various groups is summarised below.

