

WESTON COMMUNITY SITE

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| Current use | The former health clinic on this site is leased to Mirrinjani. Environment and Landcare organisations currently occupy a small proportion of the former primary school building |
| Government decision | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refurbish existing buildings as a Regional Community Centre (RCC) and a neighbourhood hall;• Construct a community park on the adjoining oval;• Prepare a Landscape Plan for the former school site and adjoining open space determining the location, treatment and form of community parks, former playground/s, green space corridors and adjoining oval where appropriate;• Through an Expression of Interest process community organisations will be offered accommodation at the former school site; and• Retain the open space surrounding the RCC. |
| Consultation outcomes | <p>There was strong opposition to the Purdon recommendation of sale of the open space for residential development in either the forums or the telephone surveys (67% against). Active recreation and community parkland uses including swimming pool and library, as well as environmental uses such as community gardens and retaining open space were well supported at the forums.</p> <p>This position was reinforced by the telephone survey where 58% of respondents preferred to see the vacant land left as open space while 79% value the site for recreation and community parkland use.</p> |
| What other factors have influenced these Government decisions? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The strong opposition to development of the open space, retention of perimeter landscaping and the position of existing buildings mean there is little value in releasing the vacant space. |
| Initial Budget Allocated | \$4,983,132 |