

## COOK COMMUNITY SITE

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| <b>Current use</b>  | One wing currently occupied by community tenants. These tenants have been accommodated prior to the school closure, the remainder of primary school and the preschool is vacant.  |
| <b>Government Decisions</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retain existing tenants and refurbish existing buildings as a Regional Community Centre (RCC) and a neighbourhood hall;</li><li>• Construct a community park, the community park will be co-located with the existing Trevor Worth Memorial Grove, Peace Park and playground equipment and shade shelter;</li><li>• 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;</li><li>• Retain the open space surrounding the RCC;</li><li>• Former preschool allocated to a Play Group (existing Government tenant) and the former gym used as a neighbourhood hall; and</li><li>• Through an Expression of Interest process remaining wing will be allocated to community organisations.</li></ul> |
| <b>Consultation outcomes</b>  | <p>Those attending the community forum were opposed to selling of the open space, or any development or use of the vacant land or buildings.</p> <p>The telephone survey found that the wider Cook community was evenly divided between those supporting the recommendations of the previous community consultation by Purdon Associates to build aged accommodation (54%) and 53% supported commercial community use with 55% of those wanting the land to remain undeveloped. Of those not supporting the Purdon recommendations, the main reason was to retain the open space.</p> <p>When asked what they valued about the site, 84% valued the open space and 95% were concerned about the future of the site demonstrating to Government that the topic is prominent for the community.</p>   |
| <b>What other factors have influenced these Government decisions?</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Trevor Worth Memorial Grove and Peace Park is to be retained while the play equipment and shade structure were paid for by the P&amp;C fund raising and should be retained also. Therefore the community park should be co-located with these existing facilities.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Initial Budget Allocated</b>                                       | \$5,345,804   |