

MELROSE COMMUNITY SITE (CHIFLEY)

Current use	This site is currently 70% occupied by community organisations including its major tenant, the YMCA.
Government Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain existing tenancies and refurbish existing buildings as a Regional Community Centre (RCC) focussing particularly on health and wellbeing services;• 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;• Through an Expression of Interest process community organisations with an affiliation to health and well-being will be allocated accommodation at the former school site;• Retain the open space surrounding the RCC;• Space for a neighbourhood hall will not be included; and• Co-locate the proposed community park with the recently refurbished children's play space beside the adjacent local centre.
Consultation outcomes	<p>Those attending the community forum were strongly in favour of retaining the open space and were supportive of the use of the school as a community hub. There was only minimal support for any type of development on the site that diminished the amount of open space or recreational opportunities.</p> <p>The telephone survey concurred with the forum's view with only 39% supporting the Purdon recommendation. However, while 63% said they would not support any medium density but when asked for alternative uses only 35-39% suggested open space uses. 69% of respondents did say they valued the open space and 85% were concerned about the future of the site.</p>
What other factors have influenced these Government decisions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is insufficient space within the former school building to establish a neighbourhood hall when demand by health and well being community groups is met, and Warehouse Circus (relocated from Rivett) is using the existing gymnasium.
Initial Budget Allocated	\$5,950,004