



## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICE'S REPORT**

9<sup>th</sup> August 2005

**DSS13                      STUARTS POINT HALL  
FILE: LA 11307 (299985) CJL**

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on proposed upgrade works at Stuarts Point Hall.



At Council's meeting of 12 July 2005, Councillor B Sowter asked "What is the situation with the Stuarts Point Hall and the funding available for upgrade works".

In 2003 Stuarts Point and District Senior Citizens approached Council with \$20 000 which they wished to use towards building an extension onto the Stuarts Point Hall. Council sought funding from the Area Assistance Scheme and were granted a further \$20 000 in 2004.

When considering required works at the Hall it was recognised that the Hall also has acoustic problems and needed a toilet upgrade. On this basis, the \$40 000 available was used to try to attract other grants to improve the Hall for the whole community. Many infrastructure grants require dollar for dollar contribution and having \$40 000 was viewed as an opportunity to achieve more funding.

A Community Meeting was held in March 2005 to gauge the community's interest and needs regarding upgrade works to the Hall. The Community showed interest in rebuilding the Hall into a 'Community Centre' or similar. Several grant opportunities were investigated but, unfortunately, none were successful.

Stuarts Point and District Seniors have indicated that they may withdraw funds if building does not begin shortly and so the Hall extension will begin as soon as possible. Plans are completed, a Development Application is being prepared and quotes are being sought. Other identified works will be listed for future implementation dependent on available funding.

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*Nil*

- *Social*

*Extending the Hall will provide more social opportunities and greater utilisation of the hall by the Community.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*The works are fully funded by external income sources - \$20,000 donation from Stuarts Point and District Senior Citizens and \$20 000 grant funds from Area Assistance Scheme.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*All statutory obligations will be met.*

- *Directors Review*

*An overall concept plan needed to be developed to ensure the varied community requests could be catered for and hall utilisation maximised.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information be noted.

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**DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**