



NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that an **Ordinary Meeting of Gwydir Shire Council** will be held in the Roxy Meeting Room, on **Thursday 29 July 2021** (commencing at **1.30 pm**) to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Max Eastcott".

Max Eastcott
General Manager

Please note: Warialda Inspection 10 am
 Roxy Café luncheon 12 noon

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GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL

B U S I N E S S P A P E R

AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING July 29, 2021 9.00

OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME – MAYOR

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Meeting held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

PRESENTATION

CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, GIFTS RECEIVED AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- 1. Recommendations from the Confidential Community Services and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8th July 2021.**

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- 2. Property sale**

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

3. Black Summer Bushfire Recovery (BSBR) grants

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (b) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains a discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer; AND the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

MAYORAL MINUTE (If any)

DEFERRED ITEMS – Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS (As listed)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OPEN

Councillors' Reports

Item 1 Councillors Report for June 2021**FILE REFERENCE** 21/17517**DELIVERY PROGRAM****GOAL:** 4. Proactive Regional and Local Leadership**OUTCOME:** 4.1 WE ARE AN ENGAGED & CONNECTED COMMUNITY**STRATEGY:** 4.1.2 Enable broad, rich and meaningful engagement to occur - GM - external**AUTHOR** General Manager**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report is for notation.

June 2021		
Councillor	Event	Date
Cr J Coulton (Mayor)	Attract, Connect, Stay Project Workshop – The Roxy Conference Room	8 th June
	Community Meeting - Warialda Rail	9 th June
	Community Meeting – North Star	15 th June
	Community Meeting – Croppa Creek	16 th June
	Councillor Workshop - Bingara Council Chambers	17 th June
	Community Meeting - Gravesend	17 th June
	LG National General Assembly - Canberra	19 – 24 th June
	Bingara Central School Orange Picking Ceremony	25 th June
	Bingara Orange Festival	26 th June
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	30 th June
Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor)	Attract, Connect, Stay Project Workshop – The Roxy Conference Room	8 th June
	Community Meeting – Warialda Rail	9 th June
	The Old Bingara Court House Gallery Exhibition	11 th June
	Myall Creek Memorial	13 th June
	Community Meeting – North Star	15 th June
	Community Meeting – Croppa Creek	16 th June
	Councillor Workshop – Bingara Council	17 th June

	Chambers	
	Community Meeting - Gravesend	17 th June
	ARIC Meeting – Bingara	21 st June
	Bingara Central School Orange Picking Ceremony	25 th June
	Orange Festival	26 th June
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	30 th June
Cr David Coulton	Gwydir Service Level Agreement Meeting & Senior Leadership Team Meeting – Bingara	9 th June
	Community Meeting – Warialda Rail	9 th June
	Community Meeting – North Star	15 th June
	Warialda Showground – Adam Marshall MP	16 th June
	Councillor Workshop – Bingara Council Chambers	17 th June
	Community Meeting - Gravesend	17 th June
	LG National General Assembly - Canberra	19 – 24 th June
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	30 th June
Cr Stuart Dick	Gwydir Service Level Agreement Meeting & Senior Leadership Team Meeting - Bingara	9 th June
	Community Meeting – Warialda Rail	9 th June
	Myall Creek Memorial	13 th June
	Councillor Workshop – Bingara Council Chambers	17 th June
	Community Meeting - Gravesend	17 th June
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	30 th June
Cr Dixon OAM	Community Meeting – Warialda Rail	9 th June
	Opening of the Bingara Central School Yarning Circle	11 th June
	Disability Access Committee Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	11 th June
	Myall Creek Memorial	13 th June
	Community Meeting – North Star	15 th June
	Community Meeting – Croppa Creek	16 th June
	Councillor Workshop – Bingara Council Chambers	17 th June
	Community Meeting - Gravesend	17 th June
	LG National General Assembly - Canberra	19 – 24 th June
	Bingara Orange Festival	26 th June

	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	30 th June
Cr T Galvin	Attract, Connect, Stay Project Workshop – The Roxy Conference Room	8 th June
	Community Meeting – Warialda Rail	9 th June
	Disability Access Committee Meeting – The Warialda Council Chambers	11 th June
	Sound of Country Free Concert – Gwydir Oval Bingara	12 th June
	Myall Creek Memorial	13 th June
	Community Meeting – North Star	15 th June
	Community Meeting – Croppa Creek	16 th June
	Councillor Workshop – Bingara Council Chambers	17 th June
	Community Meeting - Gravesend	17 th June
	LG National General Assembly - Canberra	19 – 24 th June
	Bingara Orange Festival	26 th June
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	30 th June
Cr J Moore	Community Meeting – Warialda Rail	9 th June
	Community Meeting – North Star	15 th June
	Community Meeting – Croppa Creek	16 th June
	Councillor Workshop – Bingara Council Chambers	17 th June
	Community Meeting - Gravesend	17 th June
	LLS Meeting - Pallamallawa	24 th June
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	30 th June
Cr G Smith	Gwydir Service Level Agreement & Senior Leadership Team Meeting - Bingara	9 th June
	Community Meeting – Warialda Rail	9 th June
	Community Meeting – North Star	15 th June
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	30 th June
Cr F Young	NW Cacti Control Coordinator Steering Committee meeting - Bingara	3 rd June
	Attract, Connect, Stay Project Workshop – The Roxy Conference Room	8 th June
	Community Meeting – Warialda Rail	9 th June
	Myall Creek Memorial	13 th June
	Councillor Workshop – The Bingara Council Chambers	17 th June
	Bingara Orange Festival	26 th June

	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	30 th June
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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Item 2 Recommendations from the Community Services and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8th July 2021.

FILE REFERENCE 21/18008

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal

AUTHOR General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends the adoption of the following Committee Recommendations to Council:

Monthly Organisation and Community Services Report

THAT the report be received.

Executive Services Monthly Report

THAT the Community Meeting Minutes for Warialda Rail, North Star, Croppa Creek and Gravesend and noted.

FURTHER that the remaining Community Meetings be held during the last week of July (Monday 26th through to Thursday 29th July 2021) if possible given the continuing Covid restrictions.

Additional Executive Services Monthly Report

THAT the report be received.

Councillors' Reports

THAT the following Councillor Reports are noted:

Cr Smith (Flood damage Assessment);

Cr Moore (Gournama Road);

Cr Dick (Adam Scrub and Reserve Creek Roads);

Cr Galvin (Orange Festival);

Cr Young (Bingara Court House Gallery);

Cr Egan (Pulse Festival);

General Manager (Various matters); and;

Shire Engineer (Warialda Heavy Vehicle Bypass)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the recommendations from the Community Services and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8th July 2021 are adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Item 3 Monthly Executive Report - June 2021**FILE REFERENCE** 21/16864**DELIVERY PROGRAM****GOAL:** 5. Organisational Management**OUTCOME:** 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT**STRATEGY:** 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal**AUTHOR** General Manager**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report is for reception.

TABLED ITEMS Nil**COMMENT**

Town Utilities Monthly Report for June 2021

Water and Sewer

During June, Water and Sewerage operators attended 21 service line repairs, repaired or replaced 4 water mains, 4 meters, 1 hydrant and 2 sewer blockages. Other work was undertaken at the Warialda Truckwash facility, Warialda and Bingara Showgrounds, The Living Classroom, Upper Horton, Bingara HACC building, pool and Lookout, Nicholson and Gwydir Ovals.

Bingara Central School planned a Myall Creek ceremony in the school grounds on Friday 11 June prior to the annual Myall Creek Memorial Service at Myall Creek on 12 June. Council's Town Utilities staff constructed a Yarning Circle at the school for their planned event, using sandstone blocks arranged in a circular pattern following the design submitted by the school.



Commencing construction of the Yarning Circle



The Yarning Circle at Bingara Central School

Truckwash data for June

The truckwash facility was used by 59 trucks during June with an average wash down time of 46 minutes and total water used was 178KL. The estimated income for June is \$2,726.00 less monitoring fees.

Grant Projects

Federal Drought Program:

Wet weather has delayed the completion of the landscaping and terracing of All Abilities Park. The new shade sales are expected to be delivered and installed in July.



Work commences on the terracing of All Abilities Park



Progress on the terracing of All Abilities Park

State Drought Program

Cunningham Park, Bingara

A new bbq and picnic tables were installed at Cunningham Park during June.



Showground Stimulus funding

Council was successful in obtaining funding under the Showground Stimulus Phase 2B package.

The two projects currently being undertaken at the Bingara Showground are:

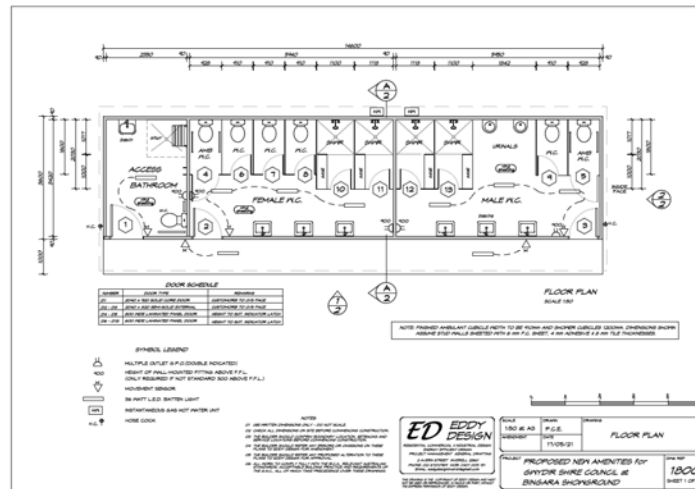
1. LED Lighting for the main arena:
 - Funding amount - \$227,809.88 including gst
 - Request for quotations was advertised on Vendorpanel and SmartLux was awarded the contract. Soil tests were undertaken so footing design could be completed
 - The footings are scheduled to be installed during July – some of the reinforcement steel has arrived on site

- Trenching of the power supply will be undertaken once footings are installed
- Estimated completion date is 31st October 2021



Soiltech testing soil structure prior to installation of light poles at Bingara Showground

2. Construction of a new amenity block on the eastern side of the Showground:
 - Funding amount - \$152,348.26 including gst
 - User groups agreed the new amenities to be constructed north of the existing amenities block
 - Work commenced on the construction pad during June
 - Estimated completion date is targeted as 30th September prior to the Motorhome rally
 - Floor plan attached



Floor plan of the new amenities block at Bingara Showground

Nicholson Oval shelters – staff poured concrete pads and erected shelters at Nicholson Oval in June. The amenities block will be erected on the western side of the oval.



Two shelters erected at Nicholson Oval during June

Parks and Gardens

All parks and gardens continue to be maintained. Council undertakes weekly inspections of playgrounds and cleaning of handrails and touch areas. Mowing, weed control, irrigation, hedging, and trimming were routinely undertaken during June. Council continues to mark and maintain the fields for the community groups using Council's ovals. Tree guards are being installed around the recently planted street trees in both Warialda and Bingara. Myall Creek and the Glacial area are inspected on a weekly basis.

Workshops and Depots – June 2021

Total number of services in Workshops for June	23
Total number of jobs in Workshops for June	135

Repairs and maintenance undertaken in the Workshops during June included:

- P1950 - Kubota skid steer loader - DPF filter repairs
- P1713 - Jet Patcher – fit ABS air valve
- P1945 - Utility – differential repairs – under warranty
- P1891 - Reclaimer – tyre repairs
- P1715 - Truck – repairs to the heating system
- P1933 – Lime spreader truck - electrical repairs
- P1140 - Grid roller – fabrication of new hitch pin
- P1981 - Mower - repairs to deck gearbox
- P1787 - Water cart - fit new reverse alarm repairs to rear lights
- P1721 - Grader – repairs to circle drive
- P1471 - Trailer – repairs to brakes
- P1866 - Tractor - repairs to hand brake and PTO
- P1721 - Grader – installation of new oil pressure switch
- P1716 - Utility – repairs to steering system
- P1934 - Trailer - fit new wheel bearings, seals and new bushes to springs
- P1711 – Utility – replacement of alternator



Vice stand has been fabricated for the Warialda landfill by a school based trainee



Replacement of king pin bushes on P1428 – gravel truck



Plant 1866 hand brake and PTO repairs

Plant replacement

During June, Council purchased a new zero turn mower for maintenance of North Star parks and gardens and also a new mower for Cranky Rock. Council continues to assist service clubs and donated the old mower to the Warialda Aeroclub as resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council in June 2020 - Resolution 136/2020.



Toro 6000 series for use at North Star



Donation of replacement ride on mower to Warialda Aeroclub

Council purchased a new bogie axle trailer for the Bingara fish hatchery with funds from the Native Fish grant program. The trailer will be used to transport fingerlings to Gwydir River



New trailer for Bingara Fish Hatchery

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Item 4 The Old Bingara Court House Gallery**FILE REFERENCE** 21/18589**DELIVERY PROGRAM****GOAL:** 1. A healthy and cohesive community**OUTCOME:** 1.1 WE HAVE HEALTHY AND INVITING SPACES AND PLACES**STRATEGY:** 1.1.3 Provide the right places, spaces and activities - OCD
- external**AUTHOR** General Manager**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report recommends the calling of applications from interested members of the public to be appointed to the Section 355 Bingara Court House Gallery Management Committee

TABLED ITEMS Nil**BACKGROUND**

The steering committee under the supervision of Cr Young has finished its role of forming the Bingara Court House Art Gallery and conducted one very successful exhibition as well as opening the gallery so members of the public have been able to view the past winning entries in the Bingara Art Prize.

A meeting of interested parties was held on 7th July 2021 and the notes from this meeting are attached.

COMMENT

There was agreement at the meeting that the Council should advertise for interested residents to be considered for appointment to a permanent management committee to take over from the steering committee, which did such an excellent job in getting the gallery opened and operational.

The role and other details for the future committee will be outlined when the potential committee members have been determined following the period of advertising.

In the interim I have been approached by a member of the community who was concerned that the budding artists within the community should be encouraged, which may not be possible if hanging space at the gallery is restricted to established artists. This support was achieved in the past by access to the Bingara Art Show conducted so well by Reverend Kevin and

Robyn Hansen. The newly formed committee should consider this issue when it meets and discuss how this concern could be addressed.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the members of the Steering Committee under the Chair of Cr Young be thanked for the excellent work that it undertook in establishing the Bingara Court House Art Gallery.

FURTHER that the Council seek applications for appointment to the Bingara Court House Art Gallery Management Committee from any interested residents.

ATTACHMENTS

AT- Meeting Notes

The Old Court House Gallery Agenda/Minutes

Wednesday 7th July 2021 4 pm

Welcome

In Attendance

Suzy Webber; Robbie Swatman, Susan Hutton; Frances Young; Nancy MacInnes;
Max Eastcott; Jill Irlam; Leonie Gray; Janette McGowan; Fay McCartney

Apologies

Jan Rose; K & A Mitchell; K & T Miller; Jackie Breneger; Cherie Turner; Frances
Wilson

1. Address – Nancy

See Attachment:

Letter

2. Financials – Frances

14 pieces have been sold. There were 39 pieces for sale in total. Another
piece will likely be sold this week.

The plinths are borrowed from Tamworth Gallery. At the conclusion of the
exhibition, they will need to be returned.

Owe Men's Shed \$300. Money ready to pay.

How to pay Artists

There is an artist agreement with Simon Munroe. It has been signed and
delivered. The agreement with Mr Munroe finishes 9 July. All money is held
with Gwydir Shire Council. At conclusion of exhibit Simon Monroe will raise an
invoice for pay. Consult Simon this weekend to organise returning.

3. Address – Frances

See Attachments:

Official Opening

Simon Munro 'Guwaa-li' Exhibition

Steering Committee

4. Address – Others

- Robbie Swatman – sad to see Frances Young stepping down. She has done
a great job on the Steering Committee. Says the exhibitions have been
fantastic. Expressed being unsure if she would continue in her current
capacity. Emphasised that the art work must comply with specific

requirements to ensure quality. They must be returned in the same condition as received.

- Susan Hutton – Expressed it is important to be aware of the amount of time people need to devote to setting up the gallery. Undertaking the Art Hanging Course and knowing how to correctly label is imperative to maintaining the professionalism of the gallery. The gallery must be maintained to a high standard. Caroline Downer from Arts North West came to Bingara to assist which was terribly helpful. Further the process to sell artwork out of the Gallery is an extensive process. The nature of volunteering means that selling is quite labor/time intensive.
- Jenny McGowan – The Turners are happy to volunteer on a Saturday. Jan Miller has volunteered.
- Max- Expressed the importance that tourists will only visit once. Requested that the purpose of the Gallery be considered.
- Frances – There is a rotating Independent Selection Committee to decide exhibitions. The Steering Committee will need to be consulted.
Rotate between permanent exhibitions, specialist exhibitions, and local exhibitions.

The specialist and local exhibitions coincide with events in Bingara you will make most of the sales on the Opening Night.

5. Volunteers/hours/opening days

- Frances Young - Monday and Thursday should be opening hours. Reason the RMS is open those days.
- Nancy MacInnes -Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am to 2pm

6. Progression/Next Steps/Looking Forward

- Who will be organizing artists, hanging, and organizing staffing?
- Nancy MacInnes – is enthusiastic to continue the gallery, has experience from 5 exhibitions. Feels confident that the art gallery will be successful under her guidance. Would like to see two to three exhibitions a year. Would like to see Bingara and Warialda Artists work for sale; about two or three pieces each.
- Susan Hutton - Approaching local artist to contribute for next exhibition. Also, would like to see a renewable exhibition to coincide for pulse festival.
- Janette McGowan – Would like to see a past artist exhibition/Retrospective Exhibition.
- Max Eastcott emphasized that the council has nominated Frances Young. The request for nominations for the new committee will advertised in paper. The gallery is not going to open an art selling shop but will continue as a standing exhibition. The Steering committee work is acknowledged by those in attendance.
- Arts North West strategic partner – Caroline Downer.

Janette McGowan – Wishes to thank the Steering Committee for its work.

7. Art Gallery Sign

- Mimic the cutout town signs. Must be lightweight. Another option, which is preferred, is a permanent sign with a removable open sign.
- Design? Not yet. Must stand out. Easy read. Legible. To drivers.
- No flags except for special exhibitions.
- 8. **When there is no exhibition should the Gwydir Acquisition prizes be on exhibit?**
- Permanent acquisitions don't need to be staffed.

Questions

- Jenny - What is happening with the RTA office? Max Eastcott - The office next to the gallery is moving but the space has been allocated to another purpose and I should not have said it could be used as part of the gallery.

Actions

- Max talk Jo Miller about sign. Get some examples.
- Max fix broken light.
- New committee must firm up opening hours, volunteers.

9th July 2020

Mrs Nancy MacInnes
39 Maitland Street
Bingara NSW 2404

Dear Nancy

Thank you for your letter dated 15th June 2020 requesting the Council to consider making the now vacated Court Room at the former Bingara Court House available for a 12 month trial to run a community art gallery.

Based upon your correspondence the Council understands that the following activity is envisaged:

The initial arrangement will be for a period of 12 months to establish whether the proposal is viable and sustainable with the volunteer base available;

There would be no charge made for the use of the facility during the trial period;

The gallery would be opened Monday to Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and will be staffed by volunteers;

Apart from the actual gallery, the main court room, the volunteers will only require access to the kitchen and bathroom facilities;

The main objective of the gallery will be to promote local artists from across the Gwydir Shire and act as an agent to sell works of art on a 20% commission basis;

A management committee will be formed to handle the ongoing management and artistic integrity of the gallery as well as seek grants and other sponsorship; and;

Have two main exhibitions per year.

Hopefully my understanding is correct because it is on the basis of these points I am happy to advise you that the Council supports the proposed trial.

Mrs Suzanne Webber will be your staff contact and Cr Frances Young will be your elected person liaison.

Mrs Webber will make contact with you shortly to get the trial off and running.

Yours sincerely

Max Eastcott
General Manager

cc Mrs Suzanne Webber, Cr Young and Mrs L Daley

The Old Court House Gallery was officially opened on Friday 24th 2021.

Mayor John Coulton cut the ribbon and the doors opened for the first viewing of the entire collection of the Gwydir Art Show acquisitions. The champion art piece of each of the shows was purchased by the Gwydir Shire Council and these 18 paintings, which were acquired over the period 1996 to 2015, are now on exhibit at the Gallery. The Gwydir Art Show was a major cultural event in the Shire calendar, under the management of Mrs Robyn Hansen, very ably supported by the Anglican women's auxiliary.

The Court House building at 24 Maitland Street is now home to the Old Court House Gallery this wonderful space is especially appropriate for a Gallery as the high ceilings, the wonderful light and the new paint work show the art works beautifully.

The space became available after the Library was moved and support for the use of the space for a Gallery was received from all parts of the community. On the first day of opening The Gallery was visited by 92 people.

It is envisaged that the exhibitions will be changed between a 6- and 8-week period. If you know an artist or an artist, we would love to hear from you with the possibility of holding an exhibition in the Gallery. To enable the space to be open on a regular basis the committee is very keen to hear from interested people to volunteer for perhaps one day per month.

Simon Munro “Guwaa-li” Exhibition

There is no doubt that The Old Court House Gallery in Bingara will be supported, 31 people came out to the opening night of this splendid exhibition. All attendees were very impressed with the quality and the presentation of the works. Testament to this is the sale of 14 pieces on opening night.

Between 11th June and 1st July 2021, 277 people have been through the Gallery. A good test was the Orange Festival, 155 people viewed the works on that day. While no sales were made, Simons contact information was given out and the many visitors were highly impressed and congratulated the community on such a quality space and exhibit.

Noelene and Erik Ozols we're engaged to do the catering for both openings, on both occasions they have donated their efforts and donated their fees for the Guwaa-li Exhibit.

With negotiation with Simon, a 25% commission rate was agreed and an Exhibition Artist Agreement was signed. Simons work will be on exhibit from 11th June - 9th July 2021.

All information regarding the sales has been shared with Gwydir Shire and Simon Munro. I will bring spread sheet to share.

What follows Simons exhibit - the suggestion is an Exhibition for 6 or 7 local artists exhibiting the 6 or so pieces each, depending on size etc, the discussions were held around having an independent selection committee to choose the works to be hung.

Quality and presentation was spoken about at the community meeting, all attending that meeting agreed that the should be no competition to the excellent and well supported craft businesses in town.

Where to now - I am not sure - however it was discussed at the last meeting of the steering committee that a morning tea would be held, with the intention to establish a

committee to manage the Gallery. An invitation was to be extended to all of those people listed on the original letter presented to Council. Perhaps this could be worked on.

I don't have four / five days a week to contribute to the Gallery. Not that I ever did, and I don't believe the doors need to be open that regularly. The original letter named quite a lot of people that would volunteer, that needs to be chased up.

In my capacity of Steering Committee chair, I have engaged The Men's Shed to

- repair the two benches that are used for the RMS,
- to build 4 plinths (100x 50)

Total cost will be \$300.00

The Gallery space is wonderful, Gwydir Shire Council is to be congratulated on the improvements to the room, however I have concluded that I will not continue with my involvement with The Old Court House Gallery at the conclusion of "Guwaii - li" exhibit.

Frances Young
Steering Committee Chair.