

OLD BEGA HOSPITAL – CULTURAL CENTRE PROPOSAL.

- Invite the Tourist Information Centre to occupy a space. Perhaps this could be hosted by a Café operator.
- Provide a landscaped garden with eatery areas both outdoor and under cover.
- Include in the garden ‘memorial style’ bricks or plaques acknowledging contributions from govt institutions, individual and businesses. Eg. Tathra Memorial Garden.
- Invite major sponsors for covered pavilions and name them eg. ‘Graham Stafford pit stop.’
- Provide caravan and long vehicle parking in the planning as well as spaces for centre users.
- Request the entrance at the Highway to be battered/tiered with appropriate planting to include signage facing both directions entitles “Old Bega Hospital Cultural Centre” or similar and include the Information i. Indicate the the available parking and food facilities with a traditional blue and white road sign.
- Invite the involvement of community groups in using a “general” space. Allow for an uninhibited open space within the building with hardy flooring and simple design for multipurpose use. Allow access from this building to a communal kitchen and convenient storage space for tables, chairs and group users equipment etc. Space can be used for conferencing, physical activities (karate), workshops etc.
- Develop a comprehensive skeleton plan including these ideas which can be presented as a whole to possible investors and grant issuers to ‘sell’ the idea.
- Offer the council the space (land) to install a demountable or temporary building which has been fitted out as climate controlled storage for artwork under the control of the Bega Valley Regional Gallery. (At their own expense).
- Actively pursue the involvement of community groups (such as scouts) who have premises which are either out dated or under maintained and may be sold with a view to the money being invested in this community project. This could be applied to Council owned property and reinvested in the fit out of the communal area. A minimal use fee could be charged for the weekly use of this facility to cove the maintenance costs.