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Submission to the Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

Proposed Community Library – Kyla Hall

Dear Council,

The Tuross Head Progress Association would like to communicate its possible intentions in regards to the Kyla Hall as a submission to Council's Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

The community has been looking on with interest at the refurbishments to the Kyla Hall and are interested in the proposal that still sits within the Draft LEP that identifies the Tuross Progress Hall land as being considered for reclassification from Community land to Operational land with a view to sale.

Though it is not relevant to this Strategy submission the THPA would like remind Council that it feels 100% of the monies gained from that possible sale should remain within the village of Tuross to be spent on future refurbishments to Kyla Hall and towards developing other village facilities.

The village of Tuross Head is incredibly fortunate to have the selfless gift of one of its residents providing a free library service to the community. The library service is offered from her home and forms part of a wider (and vital) network of social activity and camaraderie. Sadly the inevitable will see the library no longer being able to be conducted from this private home so a contingency plan is being established now.

The general plan is to establish a sub-committee under the Tuross Head Progress Association so that participants are covered by insurances. Presently there are many volunteers who provide the necessary support that sees the library offer Tuross residents six hours access to books per week.

The intention is to move these books to hinged roller based lockable shelves that can be wheeled easily from storage into a central floor area by volunteers who "man the library". The short term location will be the Tuross Head Progress Hall however, should adequate space not be available we request Council to now seriously consider the submission that

- a purpose built storage room be considered in the refurbishment of the Kyla Hall for the accommodating a community library

- fees are waived during the opening times of this library as would be the case had the Progress Association be conducting such an activity in its own hall.

Additional to your endorsement of the local library will come the opportunity for the THPA to seek out any grants and funding that might also assist in establishing the project as was the following case



It is of the opinion of THPA and the community at large that consultation to determine Tuross Head community use of the Kyla Hall needs to be made and that a project such as the proposed community library will see a consideration needing to be made in terms of determination of any new internal layouts and modifications .

We thank you for the invitation to make submission and hope that the Councillors and Council consider our concerns in this regard.

Yours sincerely
Lei Parker
Secretary THPA.