



This is a Submission from the Yungaburra Association Inc. to the Tablelands Regional Council.

The document is a result of a Public Meeting convened by the YAI in response to the TRC decision for community consultation regarding the future of the Yungaburra Memorial Hall.

The points listed are the YAI's summary of the relevant ideas from the presentations made at the meeting.

53 people attended the meeting held at the Yungaburra Memorial Hall on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

The attendance of Cr Clifton and TRC staff members, Blake Rutherford and Nicole Van Beuningen was very much appreciated.

Summary of comments from the floor:

- recognize the need for TRC's audit and rationalization of duplicate and underutilized assets
- Covid has impacted widely on a decline in various community events contributing to the low usage of all halls
- ongoing bookings for the hall include the Atherton Baptist Church on a weekly basis and the Tablelands Folk Festival annually.
- concern over current requirements for users to carry public liability insurance cover.
- wide lack of awareness of the hall and its availability for hire.
- current and future need for children's facilities in Yungaburra
- hall is in close proximity to the recreation shed, tennis court and sports field for children's needs.
- general acceptance of "use it or lose it" as a logical outcome for the Yungaburra Memorial Hall
- online booking system difficult and demanding. Countered by others who find the system acceptable.
- hall hire cost considered by some to be excessive, but general opinion was that current fees are reasonable.

Requests to TRC:

- grant an extension of time before any decision is made on the demolition of the hall, acknowledging the impact that Covid has had on finances, community activities & hall hire.
- budget for immediate maintenance needs
- evaluate the potential costs of demolition needs against costs of refurbishment of kitchen, shower and toilet facilities.
- work with the community on future joint participation in the management of the hall.
- examine TRC's obligations under current and past "Community Plans" to invest in, and upgrade community facilities.

Summary of the way forward:

Through some or all of the following community actions:

- establish a Yungaburra Memorial Hall Committee, possibly under the auspice of the YAI
- promote the Yungaburra Memorial Hall as a venue
- undertake promotion of the hall as an historic building
- community participation in maintenance working bees under the auspice of TRC
- TRC and the community investigate the feasibility of a future handover of the hall to a community group.