

Intactness

Substantially intact.

The Federation Hall was constructed on land which was originally part of the Camden Estate. The existing single storey, timber-framed structure is in a partially intact form. The exterior, except at its eastern façade, part of its northern façade and new roof cladding, has suffered change by way of additions and alterations, although some of its original architectural features are evident at its western and street façade. The interiors have also suffered change, especially in relation to significant alteration works carried out, c.1984 and 1994. The interior spatial arrangement of the Hall at the front or northern area has changed to accommodate male and female toilets, kitchenette and projection room. The aesthetic quality of the gabled facade at Station Street, exterior walls and roof form is evident. The rear, southern rooms, have been altered to form two office spaces, c.1984.

The side access in the level surface area at the east of the Hall continues to provide pedestrian access and vehicular and hard surface for vehicles. Two in-ground reinforced concrete septic tanks are present at the north east area.

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT

The Menangle School of Arts Hall is of local significance, both as an integral part of the Menangle heritage conservation area and as a valued part of the history of the local community.

It is an intact example of a Federation period community hall. Architecturally, it includes all stages of evolution of the site, dating back to its original construction in the Federation Period.

The Hall and its setting are historically associated with the early settlement of Menangle during the 1890s and its subsequent subdivision and development. The Hall demonstrates many architectural details of the Federation Period and is representative of an area of land developed as part of the MacArthur family estate.

The Hall forms an integral part of the early settlement, subdivision and development of Menangle. Although altered a number of times over the course of the 20th century and suffering some neglect, it has retained its aesthetic qualities.

The Hall provides an important contribution to the heritage streetscape of Station Street, situated at the core of Menangle Heritage Conservation Area.

Appendix 5 – Letter from Department of Planning and Infrastructure confirming reclassification



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Department Generated Correspondence (Y)

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Our ref: PP_2010_WOLLY_001_00 (10/19324)
Your ref: 6025 KF

Mr J L McMahon
General Manager
Wollondilly Shire Council
PO Box 21
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Dear Mr McMahon,

Re: Planning Proposal to reclassify the Menangle School of Arts Community Hall

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 16 September 2010 requesting a Gateway Determination under section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") in respect of the planning proposal to amend the Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan 1991 to reclassify the Menangle School of Arts Community Hall at 4 Station Street, Menangle Park (Lot 1 DP 306368) from "community" to "operational" land.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning, I have now determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the attached Gateway Determination.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 6 months of the week following the date of the Gateway Determination. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the Planning Proposal within four (4) weeks from the week following this determination. Council's request for the Department to draft and finalise the LEP should be made six (6) weeks prior to the projected publication date.

The State Government is committed to reducing the time taken to complete LEPs by tailoring the steps in the process to the complexity of the proposal, and by providing clear and publicly available justification for each plan at an early stage. In order to meet these commitments, the Minister may take action under s54(2)(d) of the EP&A Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, please contact Amar Saini of the Regional Office of the Department on 02 9873 8500.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Gellibrand
Deputy Director General
Plan Making & Urban Renewal

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IRIM No	652
PROP No	13 OCT 2010
AUTH No	
ASSIGNED TO	Peter W



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Gateway Determination

Planning Proposal (Department Ref: PP_2010_WOLLY_001_00) to reclassify the Menangle School of Arts Community Hall at 4 Station Street, Menangle Park (Lot 1 DP 306368) from "community" to "operational" land.

I, the Deputy Director General, Plan Making & Urban Renewal as delegate of the Minister for Planning, have determined under section 56(2) of the EP&A Act that an amendment to the Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan 1991 to reclassify the Menangle School of Arts Community Hall at 4 Station Street, Menangle Park (Lot 1 DP 306368) from "community" to "operational" land should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Community consultation is required under sections 56(2)(c) and 57 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") as follows:
 - (a) the planning proposal must be made publicly available for **28 days**; and
 - (b) the relevant planning authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in section 4.5 of *A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning 2009)*.
2. No consultation is required with public authorities under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act.
3. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 56(2)(e) of the EP&A Act. This does not discharge Council from any obligation it may otherwise have to conduct a public hearing (for example, in response to a submission or if reclassifying land).
4. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **6 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated

11th

day of

October

2010.

Tom Gellibrand
Deputy Director General
Plan Making & Urban Renewal
Delegate of the Minister for Planning

Appendix 6 – Letter from Menangle Community Association Inc.

Menangle Community Association Inc.

Care, Honour, Heritage
Menangle Community Association
310 Moreton Park Road
Douglas Park
NSW 2569

30 July, 2012.

The General Manager,
Wollondilly Council,
PICTON. 2571.

Dear Sir,

Re: Heritage listing for the Menangle School of Arts Hall.

The Menangle Community Association endorses Council Resolution 148 of this year, to register the above building as a heritage asset.

The building is part of the street scape and here are some of the known details about it:

- Thought to be built about the same time as the Store, 1905; however hall rules have been found in the Mitchell Library from 1897.
- Built by the community on Macarthur land
- Dances were held monthly from the early 1900's onward.
- Wrought Iron gates are a memorial to Frank Veness, the Butter Factory Manager 1922-1945.
- 1983 The community wrote to Council asking them to be Trustee for the Hall and carry out work required, which Council did.
- 1985 Council were informed they could not legally be a trustee, so the community voted for it to be resumed by Council. This happened after much debate in November 2000.

Yours faithfully,

Maurice Blackwood
Chairman, Menangle Community Assoc.

Appendix 7 – Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 18 June 2012

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wollondilly Shire Council held in the Council Chamber,
62-64 Menangle Street, Picton, on Monday 18 June 2012, commencing at 6.32pm

Notice of Motion

TRIM 6416

NOM11 Notice of Motion No. 11 submitted by Cr B Banasik on 15 June 2012 that Council prepare a planning proposal to include the Menangle Hall located on Lot 1 DP 306368, 4 Station Street, Menangle in Schedule 5 of Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan, 2011 as a Heritage Item and that this planning proposal once prepared be forwarded to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure for the Gateway process in accordance with section 56 to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979

148/2012 Resolved on the motion of Crs B Banasik and Hannan:

That Council prepare a planning proposal to include the Menangle Hall located on Lot 1 DP 306368, 4 Station Street, Menangle in Schedule 5 of Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan, 2011 as a Heritage Item and that this planning proposal once prepared be forwarded to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure for the Gateway process in accordance with section 56 to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Vote: Crs M Banasik, Vernon, Khan, B Banasik, Landow, Hannan and Mitchell

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Motion



Council Report

to Wollondilly Shire Council

16 August 2010

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Menangle School of Arts Hall - Transfer of Title 105AGRA

TRIM 1688

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In 2005, the Menangle School of Arts Hall was closed following a Structural Engineering Assessment deemed it not sound for public use.

The Menangle Community Association Inc. has since expressed an interest in acquiring the Hall from Council with the intent of refurbishing it.

A reclassification of the site would be required to enable the possibility of the land being sold by Council to the Menangle Community Association Inc.

- It is recommended that Council resolve to prepare a draft LEP in order to reclassify the Menangle School of Arts site from "Community" to "Operational" in order to allow the sale of the facility to the Menangle Community Association Inc.

BACKGROUND

Menangle School of Arts Hall was previously owned by the Community however as a result of the attrition of interested community members, the title was transferred to Council in September 2001.

Following a Structural Engineering Assessment carried out by an Independent Consultant the hall was deemed not structurally sound for public use and therefore the hall has been closed since 2 June 2005.

A report was presented to Council's March 2006 meeting where it was resolved that Council continue to negotiate with other bodies in respect of the options for provision of an alternate community facility in Menangle. Any further action with respect to the hall was to be dependent on the outcomes of these negotiations.

A period of time elapsed until in 2009 a decision was made to demolish the hall. Council was approached by representatives of the Menangle Community Association Inc in May 2010 to discuss the possibility of Council selling the facility back to the community for a token sum. The association have expressed an interest in the restoration and preservation of the Hall for the community. It is seen to be both in the Council's and the community's best interest to return the ownership and management of the facility back to the community to empower the local residents and allow autonomy in terms of their activities in the Menangle area.

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The land is currently classified as "Community" land and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 *A Council has no power to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of Community land.* Therefore, there is a need for the land to be reclassified to "Operational" in order for the sale to take effect.

The reclassification of this site needs to be made through a Local Environment Plan which in turn requires a resolution of Council to initiate the process. An application is then required to be prepared and sent to the Department of Planning for determination.

Council must arrange a public exhibition period under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to reclassify community land as operational land. The overall process can take several months to complete.

RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN OUTCOMES

COMMUNITY

CO-2 Services and facilities are more accessible and more fairly distributed

INFRASTRUCTURE

IO-2 Well managed infrastructure supports sustainable living.

CONSULTATION

Since the closure of the Menangle School of Arts Hall, Council has engaged in meetings with various interested parties in relation to the future of the facility.

Detailed consultation has also been undertaken with the Community by the Menangle Community Association Inc.

PROPOSAL

That Council resolves to prepare a draft LEP in order to reclassify the land from "Community" to "Operational". This will allow for the sale of the site to Menangle Community Association Inc to proceed.

That Council prepare an "in principle" deed of agreement for the transfer of the title.

That following completion of the process of reclassification of the land, a Caveat be placed on the Title that indicates that if in future the Menangle Community Association Inc can no longer manage or maintain the facility then the Title is to be transferred back to Wollondilly Shire Council.

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POLICIES OR LEGISLATION

This proposal is guided by the following sections of the Local Government Act 1993:

1. Chapter 6, Part 2, Division 1, Section 30 - Reclassification of Community Land as Operational.

30 Reclassification of community land as operational

- (1) A local environmental plan that reclassifies community land as operational land may make provision to the effect that, on commencement of the plan, the land, if it is a public reserve, ceases to be a public reserve, and that the land is by operation of the plan discharged from any trusts, estates, interests, dedications, conditions, restrictions and covenants affecting the land or any part of the land, except for:
 - (a) any reservations that except land out of a Crown grant relating to the land, and
 - (b) reservations of minerals (within the meaning of the Crown Lands Act 1989).
- (2) A provision referred to in subsection (1) has effect according to its tenor, but only if the Governor has, before the making of the local environmental plan, approved of the provision.

2. Chapter 6, Part 2, Division 2, Section 45 - What dealings can a Council have in Community Land.

45 What dealings can a council have in community land?

- (1) A council has no power to sell exchange or otherwise dispose of community land.
- (2) A council may grant a lease or licence of community land, but only in accordance with this Division.
- (3) A council may grant any other estate in community land to the extent permitted by this Division or under the provisions of another Act.

Note. The word *estate* has a wide meaning. See the Interpretation Act 1987, section 21 (1).

- (4) This section does not prevent a council from selling, exchanging or otherwise disposing of community land for the purpose of enabling that land to become, or be added to, a Crown reserve or to become, or be added to, land that is reserved or dedicated under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

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ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSAL

Proposal will enable the Community to take back ownership of the facility for the purpose of restoration and activation for future Community usage.

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no ongoing Financial Implications against Council's Budgets or Forward Estimates as a result of the adoption of this recommendation.

Funds allocated for demolition of this facility to be transferred to Menangle Community Association Inc to assist with restoration.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Fax Message dated 3 May 2005 from Royce White to Councillors, General Manager and Directors advising of Hall closure.
2. Letter dated 27 May, 2010 from Menangle Community Association Inc to the Hon Verity Firth, Minister for Education, regarding Old Menangle School (TRIM 4984#42).
3. Letter dated 24 June, 2010 from Menangle Community Association Inc to Les McMahon, General Manager Wollondilly Shire Council regarding outcomes from Community Consultation carried out by MCA (TRIM 4984#40).
4. Email dated 20 May, 2010 from Menangle Community Association Inc proposing purchase of the facility (TRIM 652#60).
5. Email dated 24 June, 2010 from Menangle Community Association Inc detailing outcome of Community Consultation in regards to proposed purchase of the facility (TRIM 652#61).

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council resolves to prepare a draft Local Environmental Plan in order to reclassify the subject land (Menangle School of Arts) from "Community" to "Operational" in order to allow the sale of the facility to the Menangle Community Association Inc.
2. That Council prepare an "in principle" deed of agreement for the transfer of title of the Menangle School of Arts Hall.
3. That the General Manager and Mayor delegate authorisation to execute all documents regarding this matter including those requiring Council's Common Seal.

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16 AUGUST 2010

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FAX MESSAGE



Fax Message

To: Councillors, GM & Directors	From: Royce White
Company:	File No: H 2/13
Fax No: _____	Fax No: 4677 2339 Phone No: 4677 1105
Date: 3 May 2005	No of pages, including this page: 1

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Menangle School of Arts Hall

As Councillors will be aware, we have for some time been working on resolving the issue of the current and future use of the Menangle School of Arts Hall.

A firm of consulting engineers has been engaged to provide a structural and building code report as well as cost estimates to address the issues identified. This is expected in approximately two weeks and a report will be presented to the July Council Meeting.

The hall however continues to deteriorate with opinions being expressed both from within Council and from external sources that the building should not be used in its current state. As a result the General Manager has advised the hall Committee that the building is not to be used until further notice. The letter containing this advice was delivered and discussed with the Committee on 2nd June.

We will continue to work with the Committee in relation to immediate and longer term issues in regard to the hall and alternative for providing the services to the local community.

Councillors will be kept informed of further developments.

Royce White
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May 27th, 2010
The Hon. Verity Firth
Level 31, Governor Macquarie Tower,
1 Farrer Place,
Sydney, 2000.

Dear Ms Firth,

Ref: Old Menangle School, Wollondilly Council.

The Council Manager Les McMahon last Thursday, has given us a Department of Education plan of the old school with a 40 m square area cordoned off in the middle of the old school land and a small car park. Surveyors have been at the school working for Dept of Education which along with this plan makes us think they intend to sell it off or subdivide it.

**The Menangle Community Association Committee and the community is
vehemently against any subdivision, or demolition or sale of this school on
two lot numbers.**

- This land was Macarthur land, given in trust to the Education Department, 'for the education of the children of Menangle'. As you have declared the school as 'no longer being required for education', it must be returned to the community
- The school is an integral part of the Historic English Village design, for which Menangle is famous
- It is a major part of Menangle's Heritage celebrating 100 years of education in 1971.
- It is in the middle of a Heritage Conservation area, (Wollondilly LEP, 2009)
- It is in the Council's Development Control Plan area (1992), because of its heritage value
- It is originally part of the Camden Park Estate Heritage which is listed on the Nation Estate
- BHP have identified that the school as being surrounded by, or in, a heritage zone containing 27 buildings and structures of heritage significance. Copy attached.
- The school satisfies the Burra Charter and NSW Heritage Manual in 4 of the 7 criterion and therefore should be preserved in total, including both lots and all buildings.
- Menangle was a private village until 1975 and this school and land are an integral part of the historic english village
- Menangle needs the whole area to contribute to an adequate curtilage for this historic village. Since the early 1980s there has been an increase in community awareness of the need to protect adequate settings for buildings, including views and vistas. This enhanced appreciation of landscape is highlighted in the 1999 revision of the Burra Charter of Australia, ICOMOS, placing greater emphasis on 'setting'. Article 8 of the Burra Charter now reads: "Conservation requires the retention of an appropriate visual setting and other relationships that contribute to the cultural significance of the place. New construction, demolition, intrusions or other changes which would adversely affect the setting or relationships are not appropriate" (Copy Menangle Heritage items and curtilage consideration enclosed.)

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Plan for the School.

- The Menangle Community Association is incorporated recently to enable us to own land and buildings.
- The Macerthur wood turners have asked several times to be able to begin and to restore the old school building before it is completely wrecked.
- The Association plans to renovate the teacher's house and rent it to generate income and thus provide better security for the site.
- The buildings will be used for a museum celebrating the many firsts for our area as well as other milestones. Copy with history attached
- There have already been inquiries already for historical functions
- Mens sheds are interested fulfilling councils aims in the district.
- Residents have also suggested the Menangle Photographic Record should be house there.
- Enquiries have been made as to whether it can be used as a Historic school for day trips as it is so close to the rail station and the Rotofactor, as well as Camden Park Estate.

Please arrange for our delegation to visit you to discuss this important issue.

A copy has been sent to the local minister Hon Phil Costa.

Yours faithfully,

Maurice Blackwood,
Menangle Community Association and Menangle Action Group

Ph 0417218462

Enclosed

- Menangle Heritage items and outline discussion.
- Menangle's point history summary and the areas firsts.
- Heritage items affected by the project (longwall mining)
- Councils LEP Heritage Conservation Map showing conservation area.

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June 24, 2010
Mr. L. McMahon,
The General Manager,
Wollondilly Shire Council,
PO Box 21,
Picton, NSW 2671.

Dear Mr McMahon,

Further to our recent discussions, the Menangle Community Association has now achieved a mandate from the community to request that you recommend to Council that the School of Arts Hall be sold back to this Association for \$2, as discussed.

We carried out another poll over a smaller area which included the village, to get the community's opinion. The result was:

- 34 households support the plan and wish to join "The Friends of Menangle", and can assist
- 27 households support the plan and wish to join "The Friends of Menangle", but cannot assist.
- 13 households supported but did not want to join.

In summary then

- 1. A total of 74 households support the plan.
- 2. 61 households of those want to join "The Friends of Menangle", some 100 people.
- 3. 34 households in the 61 are willing and able to assist in the plan.
- 4. These figures do not include the committee.

We therefore have a clear mandate and volunteers who are willing to help.

We will address the OH&S Fire Access problems by reaching an agreement with the neighbours for an emergency gate and we will also carry out the works required as per David Hunt and Associate's report of 2004.

However we have two requests:

- 1. The \$15,000 that Council would have spent demolishing the hall be given to us for use on the hall.
- 2. If we are able to secure the school along the same premises that Council do not want it either, we would like Council to commit to mowing the school grounds for us. This does not include maintaining edges and garden, however it makes no sense when a large 2m council finishing mower is next door mowing the common, not to continue on to mow the school next door.

Our long term plan is to repair the residence and rent it to generate income, provide security and also to maintain the gardens. We also want to establish a museum and to expand the local tourism in "Macarthur Country".

Please note that the Menangle Community Association is now incorporated number, INC9893393 as of 28th May, 2010.

Yours faithfully,

Maurice Blackwood
Menangle Community Association Inc.
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Message: 00652#0060
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May 19th, 2010

Mr Les Matheson
The General Manager,
Wollondilly Shire Council,
PO Box 21,
Picton, NSW 2521.

Dear Mr Matheson,

Re: Menangle School of Arts Hall.

Thank you for your time today and that of your staff regarding the above.

We appreciate that Council is not in the business of maintaining heritage buildings but it is our opinion that the Community does not want this hall demolished. Now that we are in possession of the new Heritage report, we will pass this on to the community and create some discussion.

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It is our opinion that the community could purchase the hall back and use it for
our purposes, however there needs to be some community mandate first.

We realize there are many hurdles to cross here but first we must get some
community mandate and we are considering forming a group "The Friends of
Koonangie" to assist the Koonangie Community Association in managing the building.

We also realize time is a factor and will give this priority.

Yours faithfully,

Maurice Blackman,

for the Koonangie Community Association.

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Message: 00652#0061
From: Maurice Blackwood
To: Julie Bacon
Cc:
Sent: 24/08/2010 at 9:55 AM
Received: 24/08/2010 at 9:56 AM
Subject: Reply to Les McMahon

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Our long term plan is to repair the road and rent it to generate income, provide security and also to put in the garden. We also want to establish a garden and to expand the school grounds in "Menangle country".

Please note that the Menangle Community Association is now incorporated number 110603193 as of 2010.

Yours faithfully,

Maureen Alexander

Menangle Community Association Inc.

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