

Leech's Gully Progress Association Incorporated

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General Manager
Tenterfield Shire Council
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via email: council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir

Re: Band Hall Relocation

We refer to email from Mr Paul Della, Acting Chief Corporate Officer, dated 24 February 2021. Mr Della's email advised that recommendations quoted in email to Mr Rod Dowe, President of our association, on 20 February 2021 were adopted by Council at its meeting on 24 February 2021. The adopted recommendations stated:

That Council:

- (1) Supports the gifting of the Band Hall to the Leechs Gully Progress Association subject to the association being responsible for:
 - (a) Ensuring the Band Hall can fit on the property by conducting an identification survey;
 - (b) Ensuring the Band Hall transfer meets heritage requirements;
 - (c) Paying for all costs associated with the relocation of the Band Hall;
 - (d) All upkeep and maintenance on the band hall once ownership is formally transferred to the association.
- (2) Allocates up to \$50,000 to the Leechs Gully Progress Association towards the costs associated with the items in (1) above.
- (3) Negotiates with the Leechs Gully Progress Association on the proposed relocation of the Band Hall.

On 20 October 2023 Cal Grogan from Efficient Building Design Services advised us of Objections received through the community consultation process and also further Requirements that need to be addressed.

Leech's Gully Progress Association Incorporated decided in good faith to relocate The Band Hall and were happy to maintain the name, heritage and the history of the Hall while providing a meeting place for the growing community of Leech's Gully.

We would like to thank Tenterfield Shire Council for supporting the gifting of the Band Hall to us but we have discussed the additional requirements and the ongoing financial burden at our meeting

held on 24 November and decided that we will not be proceeding with the relocation of The Band Hall.

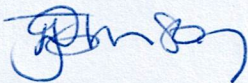
In making this decision our committee has taken into consideration the following:

- The time it has taken to get to this point with no light at the end of the tunnel
- The onerous requirements that continue to arise
- The ongoing costs that are and will be required to meet all requirements
- The possible restrictions on the use of the hall

Our organisation has decided on a different direction and will be investigating the erection of a new build on the land owned by the Leech's Gully community on Leech's Gully Road and held by the Trustees, Gary Smith, Grant Johnston and the General Manager of the Shire.

We therefore ask that Council assist us by giving their approval to the amendment of our DA for the Removal of Hall to a DA for a New Build that will be lodged shortly. It would be appreciated if this approval could be given expediently to allow us to apply for grant money to assist us with our endeavours.

Yours Sincerely



Dianne Johnston
Secretary
Leech's Gully Progress Association Incorporated