

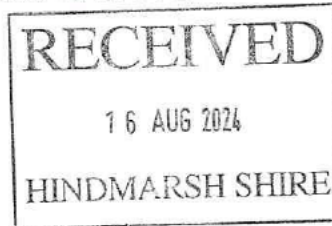


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**Planning Scheme Amendment C21HIND
Hindmarsh Heritage Study – Planning Scheme Amendment
HO37 Agricultural Showgrounds – [REDACTED]**

To Whom it May Concern,

The Nhill Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc. committee members would like to formally submit an objection to the recommendation as documented in the Hindmarsh Heritage Assessment Study – Final Report – April 2023, page 218, under other recommendations:

- Extend HO37 to include the Poultry Pavilion

Poultry pavilion

- "Built prior to World War II, this is a long timber framed building, clad in corrugated iron painted red, which is rectangular in plan. It has a raised central gabled roof flanked by lower skillion roofs. There are gates at either end, and an entrance in the middle of the east side. It is situated adjacent to the front boundary fence just north of the Dahlenburg Memorial Gates."
- "The Poultry pavilion, which can accommodate 500 birds, is a large and early example of its type"

Committee objections:

- The Poultry pavilion was built very cheaply (at the time) with no outside guttering, therefore when it rains water lies near the timber framework and has therefore damaged the integrity of the pavilion over the decades.
- Basic maintenance has occurred which includes ensuring the walls and roof are intact and not an OH&S risk, but to completely stabilise the pavilion it would require a great amount of rework.
- The committee are now unable to obtain insurance on this pavilion as the maintenance has not been sufficient to put forward an insurance claim, if required. (Public Liability insurance is still intact)

- Timber framework has been compromised by white ants (termites) along with rotting of some areas.
- Nhill A & P Society Inc. is not in a current financial position to replace the pavilion, if required, to the same size and dimensions. It is a very select use pavilion, that does not allow use by other events or activities.
- The Poultry pavilion is currently only open to the public once a year for the annual show. Due to the Avian Influenza outbreak in Victoria this year, no poultry will be shown in 2024.

The committee members appreciate that;

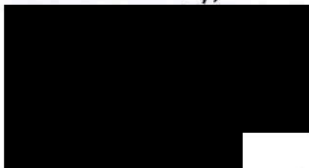
- “The Nhill Showgrounds, by comparison differs from the others as it has been used exclusively by the Agricultural & Pastoral Society for the annual shows and does not contain any sporting facilities. Of all the showgrounds in Hindmarsh Shire, it is the most completed collection of buildings and structures that demonstrate the use of the A&P Society over many decades”
- “The Nhill Agricultural and Pastoral Society Showgrounds is of social significance as a place that has played an important role in the lives of generations of families in Nhill and surrounding districts in the Wimmera.”
- “As a whole, Nhill Showgrounds is a fine and representative example of a rural showgrounds complex, as the most complete and intact example in Hindmarsh Shire.”

The committee does not object to the recommendation in Hindmarsh Planning Scheme – Amendment C21HIND – Explanatory Report, page 8, proposed change to schedule to Clause 43.01 Heritage Overlay or PS Mape Ref No.

- Update “Solar energy system controls apply? to ‘No’

We look forward to a favourable outcome for the Nhill A & P Society Inc. regarding the Poultry pavilion.

Yours sincerely,

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President