



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT

PURPOSE

The purpose of the consultation was to seek the views of the Dunalley Community on the future management model of the Dunalley Hall. The two main options being Council Managed or Community Managed. We sought to better understand the community's vision for the hall and what their preferred model looks like.

BACKGROUND

An overview of the history of the Hall's management was provided to those attending / completing the survey. This included acknowledgement of the many years of service by the previous Dunalley Hall Committee, Council's current position around the management of Halls (Council or Community – no longer special committees due to limitations under PCBU responsibilities/Insurance), fee structure and price comparison and utilisation and activity report for the past 2 years.

CONSULTATION APPROACH

The following methods were selected to ensure members of the community felt comfortable and confident to share their honest thoughts and feedback:

- Community Forum at the Hall
 - Facilitated by Council
 - Wednesday 20 September at 6.30pm
 - Open invitation
- Survey of regular hirers, regarding their experience with hiring/using the hall.
- Survey of the broader Dunalley Community, letterbox drop with QR code to survey.

A hard copy survey was mailed out to rate payers in Dunalley, Connellys Marsh, Boomer Bay and Marion Bay with a return reply paid envelope included.

The same survey was also run online via the Survey Monkey platform and was open for approx. 5 weeks.

WHAT WE ASKED

Survey of the broader Dunalley Community

1. Do you think Council currently manages the Dunalley Community Hall well?
2. Do you think a Community organisation should manage the Community Hall?
3. Do you think the Community Hall gets used enough?

WHAT WE HEARD - RESULTS

Completed surveys – 80 (44 online and 36 hard copy)

*Please note- Not all numbers below add up to 80 as some people selected multiple answers/no answers on the hard copy survey.

Question 1 - Do you think Council currently manages the Dunalley Community Hall well?

Yes – 23 (29%)

No – 57 (71%)

Question 2 - Do you think a Community organisation should manage the Community Hall?

Yes – 57 (74%)

No – 20 (26%)

Question 3 - Do you think the Community Hall gets used enough?

Yes – 14 (18%)

No – 62 (82%)

What would the community like to see at the Dunalley Community Hall?

The survey respondents suggested a wide range of activities and events they would like to see at the hall, including art classes, dances, weddings, quiz nights, music concerts, school plays, exercise classes, book clubs, kids groups, bingo, bridge, conferences, workshops, cooking classes, movie nights, card games, computer classes.

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS

As the community feedback indicates strong support for a community group to manage the Hall, we will be putting out a call for Expressions of Interest for a community group to manage the facility. We will follow the below timeline:

- December – calling for EOI's (December and into early January).
- January – Assessing the received EOI's.
- February – Council workshop to discuss preferred Community Group and putting forward a successful applicant for endorsement at the February Council meeting.

CONSIDERATIONS

The EOI will name specific aspects of the agreement/lease that groups will need to be able to comply with, such as necessary compliance, risk and/or insurance requirements.