



REGIONAL MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Date: 25 July 2018	Time: 5:30pm
Group: Sports Committee	Location: Tumut Room
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the facility work, what is the management model? • Netball courts indoor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sloping issues fixed ○ Parking issues ○ Will the courts be upgraded – can be incorporated into project? • If we drag the heated pool into the new complex, why not do it to the same as the proposed 5 lane, 25m pool, why compromise? • Pools in two places, does not work, keep aquatic sport in one area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The pool facility should not be there. ○ Increased costs of manning both pool facilities. ○ Why take the heated pool away from the pool? ○ Consensus that the pool was not required as part of the facility. • Tennis use, great to use courts for night games. Synthetic grass would be needed on the indoor courts, acknowledge restrictions with roof height. • Squash court facilities, currently travel to Gundagai. • In feasibility study that the comparison locations are much larger in size. Orange has a greater population and is not comparing apples to apples. • How many people will run the centre? • Car park of 60 vehicles not really enough, particularly for netball. • Losing sight of what we are trying to achieve six years ago with the pool. • Dimensions of facility – How big is it? • Synthetic turf will not have benefit and don't need it, rather keep Bull Paddock surface. • Wagga has only two courts at their Equix Centre, but other centres have more courts. • Balance has to be struck between fees and the ability for users to pay. • Simplify the project, take out singular elements. • Number of courts – reduce the number to suit the population. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A number of clubs signalled that no. of courts would not be used by their sport. 	
Attendees:	
Name	Club
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Matthew Christensen	



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Date: 06 August 2018		Time: 5:30pm	
Group:	Talbingo Committee	Location:	Talbingo Country Club
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled toilets to be provided – yes. • Can the scale of the building be reduced? Especially if some clubs are suggesting intermittent use. • Existing pool should be upgraded rather than having the pool at the Multi-Purpose Centre. • Size of the pool is inadequate needs to be larger. Lap swimming will take all the space. • Heating of Adelong Pool is the preference. • Opening times are inadequate and being so small a window, would not be able to be used by general public. • Cost for use of adult in pool is too expensive. \$3 for adult would be a more reasonable charge. • Only way to afford is too increase rates, not supported if this is this case. • Projected costs for aqua classes are too expensive, not likely to attract users. • Feeling of disadvantage as will not use the centre. • Would use a hydrotherapy pool but would not use anything else. • Ongoing lottery for funding of the centre year in and out, is a way to fund ongoing. • A back universal parking area, in case allocated ones are full. • Parking on the highway a concern. Need pathways along length of highway. • Would not like to see rates go up to pay for the centre. Rates have gone up twice in as many years. • Equity in service provision. What does Talbingo get for their rates? Would like to see services remain. • Squash courts, or the rooms be-built to provide. • Would rather see investment in a heated hydrotherapy pool at the Tumut Aquatic Centre. Would get use. • Estimated revenue is way too high. • It has to be financially sustainable or have a higher use. 			
Attendees:			
Name		Contact Details	
Matthew Christensen			

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 14 August 2018 6:16 PM
To: Admin
Subject: 20180814 - Complaint - Tumut Sporting Complex - [Redacted]

A submission for your attention has been recieved via the Website Customer Contact Form. Response fields are listed below:

Name [Redacted]
Email [Redacted]
Contact Phone [Redacted]
Type of Feedback Complaint
How can we best contact you during business hours? Please Contact Me Via Email

How can we help? I have just been informed of the preposterous proposal to spend millions of dollars on a sporting complex for Tumut. I am disgusted and appalled at this extravagant waste of money, for something that will not benefit the entire "shire". This proposal is garbage, to benefit Tumut only. Shame.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 23 August 2018 2:29 PM
To: Info
Subject: 20180823 - Submission - Tumut Multi Purpose Centre - [REDACTED]

General Manager

Feedback for Multi Purpose Centre Proposal.

I support the concept however I am very wary of overreach. I attended the Tumut meeting and I was sceptical of the one building for all spin being applied to garner support. I think the existing proposal for the development of the Tumut swimming pool was sound and should remain with a view to slightly extending each end of the swimming season. Indoor swimming centres appeal to a small but vocal minority of the community and come at a cost.

The new multi purpose centre proposal indicates four courts. As far as I can tell that is on the basis that is a minimum to host regional and upwards carnivals. I question how successful Tumut would be in being granted hosting rights for those sorts of large events due to a lack of accommodation options within 50km. If such large events were being awarded to Tumut is there the option to utilise existing resources such as courts at McAuley School or Tumut High School. If there is going to be a big outlay/maintenance differential between a two and a four court centre I would be hesitant to commit to the four court as the ongoing upkeep would likely be in the form of user pays and the user base realistically would be fairly small.

I don't support a build at all costs and they will come approach. I don't personally see me using the centre a great deal. I prefer outdoor pursuits and would like to see some of the existing attractions further promoted (Hume and Hovell, Blowering Dam, Cycle tracks about the area, Rail Trails etc) I can't see the youth of Tumut and surrounds suddenly putting down their iPads and swarming to the new centre. I think youth engagement will be largely dependent on existing and new sports, recreational and business groups hitching their wagon to the centre. The likelihood of general engagement would be hobbled as user pays were applied. I base that belief on previous experiences of extracting small amounts of money from people for involvement in sport.

Thankyou

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Tumut

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 21 August 2018 3:20 PM
To: Christensen, Matthew
Subject: Multi-Purpose Stadium Project

Further to Snowy Valleys Council public meeting held at Club Tumut on 16th August 2018 for a Multi Purpose Stadium.

After all the hysteria of a audience of 60 well meaning people, what has to be taken into account are the following pros & cons:-

Sixty people don't speak on behalf of the total residents of the Tumut Shire !!!!!

This group in the main are self interest groups.

What benefits if any will apply to Tumbarumba, Batlow, Adelong, Khancoban & Talbingo residents. Why would consultants (cost to date \$20,000) be engaged to satisfy some ones personal agenda/baby when it is not even practical exercise.

If this is just a wish list why not include a Casino at least it would guarantee a spike in tourism and an influx of new residents, which seems to be Council's priority.

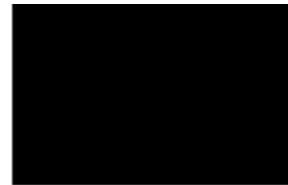
It would appear that the Snowy Valleys Council should apply all their energy & expertise to Council's Core Business:-

Building Roads & Footpaths Collection	Environment Protection	Parks & Gardens	Recycling & Rubbish (Green Waste)
Kerbside Pick-Up ??) Traffic & Parking Control	Libraries	Sports Facilities	
Development Approvals	Community Centres & Aged Care		

What has Snowy Valleys Council achieved in the last 9 months with new Staff & Councillors.

I look forward to Council's response to my email.

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Submission re regional multi-purpose centre

Publicity invites community members to provide comment on the Regional Multi-Purposes Centre Feasibility Study and Concept Plan *to ensure it meets the future needs of the Snowy Valleys Region*. The centre will never meet the needs of all the Snowy Valleys. If this is a requisite, then the centre could not proceed. If it does go ahead, the centre will service an area within 30km and up to 50 km from Tumut, including Gundagai in the neighbouring Cootamundra-Gundagai regional council area. It makes no claim to service residents of Tumbarumba other than rarely, let alone more distant residents.

This is not in itself a deterrent. It is an unfortunate fact of the merger of the Tumut and Tumbarumba councils that there are few communities of interest between the two, and distance means that both towns will continue to need facilities to service their distinct regions. For this reason, Council needs to be constantly aware of the challenging equity issues, and find creative solutions. Any significant capital project needs to be closely examined to ensure that the ongoing operating costs will be sustainable and where possible, paid for by those who will use the facility. Alternatively major capital projects will need to deliver benefits across SVC, or provision of a similar or locally appropriate facility will need to be considered for both Tumut and Tumbarumba to ensure equitable access.

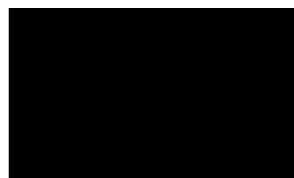
As it currently stands, the centre will cost a whopping (up to) \$18.6 million dollars which, when design and specification of 10% of cost are added (as advised by Matthew Christensen), will total more than \$20 million... a capital sum that could completely rejuvenate tired infrastructure SVC-wide. The feasibility study projects a loss of \$403K in year 1 rising to \$533K in Year 5 when maintenance requirements start to lift. This will be an ongoing burden that will need to be subsidised by the bulk of ratepayers who will never use the centre.

We understand that it is being argued that depreciation doesn't matter because it is 'only a book entry' and hence the 'real loss' is only \$28K in the first year, rising to \$158K in year 5. Have councillors had any training in their financial responsibilities? If depreciation doesn't matter, then why is SVC advertising a planned 10% Special Rate Variation in 20/21 even before the removal of pool entry fees? If depreciation doesn't matter, why is the strongest indicator of a Council's financial sustainability a positive operating result before capital, ie that it earns enough to fund depreciation. Why did Councils have to address this to be declared 'Fit for the Future'? Why are SVC management silent about this fact that they know only too well? Are they frightened to properly advise the Council as is their duty?

Removing pool entry fees and adding operating costs of the proposed regional centre requires a further contribution from general rates of about 5% every year ad infinitum, rising still further in the future as maintenance costs increase. Is it fair to apply this to all of SVC's ratepayers when so many will not use the facility, and will be heavily subsidising those who are, including residents from out of the Council area?

And the costs of the new multi-purpose facility alone don't tell the full story. Barely 200 metres up the road, the ageing outdoor pool facility needs major refurbishment, with an initial \$1 million to address urgent non-compliance issues. Operating costs of that facility before depreciation were





reported to Council in May as \$353K per year, with a net loss of \$330K. How is it possible that a facility that is only open for 6 months of the year can cost \$353K to run (before depn), when the new mega facility will cost \$438K (including depn) when it will need to be heated and staffed all year round? The operating loss of the Tumut outdoor pool (ex depn) plus the loss of the recreation centre once maintenance is required totals \$0.86 million per year, possibly approaching \$1 million when depreciation of the outdoor pool is added. Is this a reasonable amount for ratepayers not using these facilities to underwrite?

The capital expenditure to replace changerooms, toilets, entry, etc at the old pool will duplicate facilities needed at the new centre, and there will be duplication of supervision and maintenance costs in centres barely 200 metres apart. How will a 'no fees' policy at the outdoor pool impact on the viability of the indoor centre? Can SVC ratepayers really afford both the regional centre as proposed, and duplicate facilities and maintenance of an ageing outdoor pool?

What happened to the report about developing an indoor pool complex in conjunction with the existing outdoor pool, and including many enhanced facilities including gymnasium, kiosk, integration with the park etc. etc? This proposal delivered many of the desired outcomes of the combined regional centre without duplicating existing facilities at a much more affordable cost. Would it not be better to combine the pool facilities per the pool feasibility report and look at hall/sporting field upgrades as a separate project?

The pool study gave some interesting data about the performance of public aquatic centres to which SVC's current pool operations compare very badly. The statistics in the report showed centres were recovering 84% of expenses through revenue and the average subsidy per visit was \$1.22. By contrast, SVC currently recovers only 6.9% of the cost of operating the Tumut pool, and the average subsidy per visit is \$11.25 - ie every single time someone uses the Tumut pool, ratepayers have to cough up \$11.25 (as for all pools across SVC). Should ratepayers across SVC be required to continue subsidising the Tumut outdoor pool to this extent as well as providing a hefty subsidy to the new facilities? The author commented that Council needed to change its existing pool operating model, and a fundamental rationale behind the case for enclosing the Tumut pool was that 'the aquatic centre should be seen as a small business enterprise rather than a fully subsidised Council community service in order to minimise the cost to ratepayers and optimise opportunities for residents and visitors'. If Council combined the existing outdoor pool operations with an indoor pool plus gym, kiosk, etc) at the same site and adopted best practice management, the base case scenario only predicted net cost rising by \$70K per year, which appears an affordable proposition in strong contrast to the proposal now on the table.

In February this year, SVC embarked on one of its 'listening tours' to allow pool users to have their say on the future of their local pools, and to complete a survey. About 300 residents at Batlow, Tumut, Adelong, Khancoban and Tumbarumba all gave feedback to SVC, and the results were presented to the May 2018 meeting of Council. Residents didn't mind paying for pool entry, and wanted \$423K of modest improvements over three years. The resolution was 'that Council adopt a three year program *as funds are available*'. If there are no funds for modest improvements at all pools, how is it possible that Council can fund the new centre, ongoing operating costs, and duplication of facilities at the Tumut outdoor pool ad infinitum? Contrast the \$423K capital requested with the \$20 million of this facility plus its crippling \$500K recurrent loss per annum.





Users of all other swimming pools across SVC will rightly feel aggrieved that not only are their modest requests ignored, but they are required to subsidise the stellar Tumut facilities through their rates.

We recognise that councillors see an opportunity in the current unstable political environment to secure capital projects for SVC that ratepayers could otherwise not fund, but this project is not equitable or affordable in its current form. It seems to be a project suited to a much bigger population.

At this critical early stage of SVC's existence when SVC is struggling to establish credibility across the newly merged council area, it will confirm some of the worst fears of the former Tumbarumba Shire residents: that rates from the Tumbarumba region will be used to enhance the living standards of Tumut residents by sheer weight of numbers, with no consideration of the equity of doing so. It will place an ongoing burden on the entire population of ratepayers that the current Long Term Financial Plan shows is unaffordable, to the benefit of very few.

We trust that Council will critically review the proposal before proceeding any further.



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 2 September 2018 4:26 PM
To: Info
Subject: 20180902 - Feedback - Regional Multi-Purpose Centre Feasibility Study - [REDACTED]

Hello,

I am sending this feedback by email because the character limit on the online form was too small limiting a response to around 100 words.

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Town: Tumbarumba

Phone: [REDACTED]

Hello,

Please find below my feedback in relation to the Regional Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) Feasibility study.

I do not support the MPC for the Snowy Valleys region in its current form.

This is solely because of the on-going impost this will have to the whole Council area. The report itself acknowledges the ongoing recurrent cost of operation cannot be met from a relatively small market.

I do not begrudge Tumut having a centre like this, despite I don't foresee I would ever use it. However, the maintenance and depreciation costs need to be affordable which as shown in the feasibility study they are not.

To directly respond to the question of how I would advise Council fund the ongoing operational costs, I suggest:

- a. Reducing the scope so that the ongoing costs are more manageable and can be recovered by user fees,

OR

- b. if the population of Tumut and surrounds desire this facility, then a special levy should be applied to the 50km radius identified.

I believe this would be complex and undesirable, making option a) the only real option. It seems that this facility is on a scale that struggles to survive in much larger centres. Whilst capital funding may be easy to acquire, this is irrelevant and should not be pursued if the ongoing costs bankrupt the shire as they currently would.

I believe the assumption that people outside of the 50km radius are not likely to use the centre is accurate.

The assumption that carnivals and competitions (which are likely reliant on volunteer clubs to run) would attract day visitors and possibly overnight visitors if it is a 2 day competition is also accurate.

However, I believe it is disingenuous to claim that the MPC will also encourage longer stays amongst general tourists. If anything, this would not be significant and should be removed from the assumptions.

Regards,



Dear Mr Matt Christensen

We the Residents of [REDACTED] would like to inform you that we are against the Multi-purpose centre that you want to build in Tumut. This centre will be of no benefit to anyone of us, our children or even our grandchildren or great grandchildren. We are all pensioners and can't afford to pay extra rates for something we can't use, we don't want to have to sell our homes because our children need somewhere to stay when they come back to visit. Some of us don't own our homes but we are still citizens of Tumbarumba that worked to make our town something to be proud of and are not happy with what is happening to our town we don't want to become another Batlow or Adelong going backwards while Tumut goes forward.


We may not have much of a future, we are proud of our past please don't spoil our legacy by wasting Rate and Tax payers money on something that is only going to be a burden on future rate payers many years to come

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

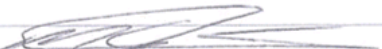


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Date: 08 August 2018		Time: 3:30pm	
Group:	Khancoban Community	Location:	Shano's Cafe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khancoban does not have a place for congregation. • Not getting full value for rates now. • Khancoban will not use the facility. • Most people from Khancoban will go too Cooryong and Albury. • Opportunity for opening up of western site of Khancoban. • Communication is key to what is possible and flow on for the Khancoban township. • No one in Khancoban will use it. Rates are already high. • Do not travel to Tumut now, other centres, such as Albury. • Appreciation of large shire and different areas, Tumut has large population to service. • Does Tumut attract events – Is there a demand. • Broaden possibilities – Overnight stays at Tumut. Entertainment options and transport. • Will need more to do in Tumut to make it work, grow population more. 			
Matthew Christensen 			



REGIONAL MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Date: 09 August 2018	Time: 5:30pm
Group: Tumbarumba Community	Location: Tumbarumba Bowling Club
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in favour and what benefit will Batlow get. • Hydrotherapy pool is too expensive. Look at Albury and Wagga. • Seen as a vanity project, it represents a 1/3 of the budget. • This is not a uniting project for the two former councils. Will only magnify the divide between Tumut and Tumbarumba. • Already facilities in Wagga. • Cost of running a heated pool is too expensive. • Should be encouraging kids playing outside, rather than indoors. • It's not accurate to assume so many people play the sports. Fictionalised. Audit the numbers given. • Already subsidise free entry into the pools. Why subsidise more. • It's not part of the Community Strategic Plan, why is it being pursued? • The gymnasium will cause too much competition in Tumut. Not enough money in it for a business. • There is no transport link between towns to allow use. • Will a downscale mean the project will go ahead one way or another? • Show of hands, no support for the project. • People don't use heated private pools as is. Why have one! That will not be used. • Very expensive exercise just to do a feasibility study. • The rate payers are having to pay for the lack of use. • None of the Community Strategic Plan meetings contained discussion on the Regional Multi-Purpose Centre. This project has superseded all other projects raised. Why has this gone to the top of the list? • Very few people from Tumbarumba are going to use it. • It should not have gone to community, should have been knocked back. When first raised. • Not happy with design costs for next stage. • Why does the community need another pool? • Figures do not appear realistic. People are not going to travel that far. • Modest improvements for pools not funded, this will perpetuate. 	
Matthew Christensen 	



REGIONAL MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Date: 13 August 2018		Time: 5:30pm	
Group:	Adelong Community	Location	Adelong S & C Club
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs a lot to play sport already, using this facility will cost even more. • Hockey fields are excellent already, no need for synthetic turf. • Price of fees to use may price people out of use. • What is the cost of the funding? We have to pursue funding through state or federal governments. • People will get upset if we lower the levels of service. Non delivery of projects. • Our hub is Wagga, not the other way. So we won't get out of town visitors. • Rehabilitation services such as hydrotherapy pools are a positive. • Region of physical workforce need rehabilitation. Higher use of prescription medication. Need alternate rehabilitation. • Excessive size of facility could be scaled back. • Sporting groups have developed a way to get around issues such as wet weather. • Need to pursue other funding opportunities to open our borders. • Youth gym facility would be advantageous. • Social hub combining counselling, outreach etc. 			
Attendees:			
Name		Contact Details	
Matthew Christensen			



REGIONAL MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Date: 15 August 2018		Time: 5:30pm	
Group:	Batlow Community	Location:	Batlow RSL Club
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against a special rate variation, most people will not be able to afford the cost of living at the moment. • Need to ensure close date for public comment is advertised. • Will not use the facility. • People will not travel to the centre in Tumut. • Therapy pools in key locations will be of benefit, across whole Council area. • Disposal of current assets. Is there any proposed? • Four courts are too expensive, unlikely to recover costs. • Expense of playing likely to reduce assumptions of use, therefore user pays revenue less. • Would not benefit much of the Council area. • Four courts is too many, needs to be reduced. • More beneficial to fix up all pools in the Council area rather than a Multi-Purpose Centre in one location. • Maybe look at upgrading other facilities that exist now. • Community expectation would be that service levels do not decrease. • Multi-Purpose Centre not discussed in the Community Strategic Plan meetings. • Should confirm the numbers provided by clubs as there is some concerns of accuracy. • Population of Tumut is dependent on timber industry; if the industry suffers a shock then the use of centre may reduce proportional to the population. • What is the percentage of players travelling to Tumut to play already? • Need to lift standard of Batlow sporting facilities. • Volunteer base for clubs is diminishing, puts organised sports at risk, therefore a risk to the Multi-Purpose Centre. Worried about Council funding an unused facility. • The heated pool would put the Tumut Aquatic Centre development in jeopardy. • Financial assumptions are a concern, \$200,000 to replace two court surfacing. • Elderly sports may be of benefit, but who will organise and will it happen, Response to a need? • No matter if this centre comes about, the region needs an enclosed heated pool. • Current public transport in the area will not support the proposal. 			
Attendees:			
Name		Contact Details	
Matthew Christensen			



REGIONAL MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Date: 16 August 2018	Time: 5:30pm
Group: Tumut Community	Location: Club Tumut
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of services is not supported. • Cost of running is very expensive, are there other alternatives? • Hydrotherapy pool and swimming pool is out of scope of what is needed. • Project should be only the courts. • Another pool is not warranted. • Tumut needs more facilities/courts than what there is now. • Speed issues on Elm Drive the children will be safer at this location. • Sport is big in the area, needs to be catered for. • Will the Water Treatment Plant stay? Yes it will. • High need for hydrotherapy pool. Significant use expected. • Need something in town to attract people to town. • 200 vacancies of houses in town, this will attract people to the area to live. • Economic flow on from proposal. • Depreciation loss makes up the most of the deficit. • If the pool was not there it would be cheaper. • Other option of the Tumut Aquatic Centre for the pool component. Do the masterplan. • Depreciation should not be worried about. • This proposal has been on the radar for years. • People want play areas, heated pool under one roof. • Concern of Snowy Mountains Highway and speed. • The centre will bring more people to town to stem economic decline. • Function area will support events to the town. • Will attract youth to a precinct. Space for youth. • Tumut has been in need of this centre for years. • Car parking on the plan needs to be considered. • This section of Snowy Mountains Highway is dangerous. • Canteen takings, how will these be worked through with clubs. • Grant funding for the project / business partnerships. • Synthetic field would go through the perimeter cricket field, not ideal for Cricket. • Is four courts necessary. Too excessive. • The swimming pool needs to be five lanes; it's too small in the proposal. • Sports centre is a great concept, keeps young people local. Host large events. • Kids play area would be worthwhile. Toddler play area. • Want to keep active during the day. • Spectator management at the pool. • Hydrotherapy pool unlikely to be located at the hospital. • Mums and bubs sessions at the centre. • Flexible place to meet the needs of the community. • Plan for future population growth. • Mental health services in Tumut are needed. Need a space for youth drop in. • We just lost the RSL, we need to fill the spaces in the community. • Concept plan is excellent. Let's get it done. 	

- Loop road for ramp too carpark, rather than only one access point on highway.
- Possibilities of economic benefits or events and carnivals.
- 20-30 years behind the rest of the state, need to catch up.
- Need four courts minimum for Basketball carnivals.
- Use of synthetic matting for other sports.
- Fall back area for events in case of rain.
- Centre in the middle of Melbourne and Sydney.
- Dormitory style accommodation to take school excursions – will attract tourists to the area.
- Diversity of playing surfaces in the area. No one has been willing to make decision in the past.
- E-Sports area will attract people.
- Currently travel to Wagga to new facilities.
- Not all timber courts, at least one synthetic court.
- Try to keep hockey players in town rather than travelling.
- Concern around the location and the costs. The site is unlikely to lend itself to different locations.
- Clarence Street location raised out of flood plain.

Matthew Christensen

