

MEDIA RELEASE

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Brookton Railway Station

To the Community of Brookton,

I am pleased to announce that Council has arrived at a point in time with the Brookton Railway Station that we are now seeking the Communities feedback about its future. Council engaged Architect Stephen Carrick to prepare three options as follows:

1. **Railway Station Restoration** – considering the Conservation Plan and local historical significance, restore the building and make it compliant.
2. **Railway Station Reconstruction** – considering local historical significance, the significant deterioration in the structure, rebuild the station as an exact replica with modern materials, and a flexible use.
3. **An Open plan Structure** – that acknowledges the current buildings importance in the landscape, provide a location for the community and visitors to make use of the station platform for a variety of uses and functions.

A fourth option has also been prepared by Stephen Carrick at his initiative to illustrate to Council and the Brookton community an additional alternative to the three requested options. This fourth option seeks to recognise the local historical significance in reflection of the current Station building, and its importance in the streetscape, whilst also offering a contemporary building to reactivate the Main Street, which has been a long-held desire.

With the Council having formally accepted the four designs at its September 2021 ordinary meeting, an approx. 8-week consultation period will commence on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 that will include two (2) public meetings to be held on Thursday 14th October 2021. The Council acknowledges there may be some criticism of the timing, but in keeping with our commitment to progress a decision on the Railway Station in a timely manner this timing is unavoidable.

Where to from here?

Council is asking for you, the Community, to actively engage in the public consultation process. This is your chance to have a say on the future of the Railway Station Building and surrounds. It is important to remember that your feedback will help inform Council in its decision on the future of the Brookton Railway Station.

So what I am respectfully asking all community members is to give careful thought on what the Brookton Railway Station really means and what building design is best suited to accounting for the type of uses, who the users are, and who they might be in the future, together with adaptability and durability of the building over the long term, and how any option might be funded?

Stephen Carrick at the public information sessions will provide an overview of each option, the concepts behind each and the estimated cost. This will provide you, with a wonderful opportunity to actively participate, and ask questions, to put forward-suggestions using the submission form provided for this purpose. These sessions, while hosted by me on behalf of Council, will be facilitated and run by Stephen Carrick.

The public consultation period will close on Monday 15th November 2021. Council with the assistance of the architect will then formally consider all feedback and make an informed decision in the best interests of the whole Community. It is anticipated this will occur at the December 2021 meeting to allow Council to move quickly to seek grants funding and commence works on the selected building design.

In closing, I appeal to each and every member of the Shire of Brookton to get involved—as this is a very important decision that will benefit this community for many generations to come. It will be at the heart of Next Generation BROOKTON, so no matter your feedback (short, long, for or against) please lodge your submission, so collectively the Council can consider all views and make an informed decision on your behalf.

Further information can be obtained from the Shire Administration Office or from the Shire website.



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