

Howlong Community - What do you think?

A Community Hall and Community Fitness Centre for Howlong

The Howlong Football Club and Federation Council have been successful in gaining funds (\$1M from NSW Premier and Cabinet) towards the construction of a Community Hall and Community Fitness Centre as extensions to the Lowe Square Sports Pavilion building.

This project is the final task in the existing Master Plan for Lowe Square (2011) and includes upgrading the football/cricket change rooms and amenities to be unisex, modern and more comfortable.

This project aims to enable Howlong to host more and bigger activities locally, be more self-sufficient and be more inclusive and connected.

This is a big project and a long-term investment into Howlong. It is estimated to cost approximately \$1.5M and will require ongoing management and maintenance. The project and ongoing operations would be managed by the Football Club with an aim to be self-sustaining.

Let us know what you think – Please fill in our survey

The Community Hall, the Fitness Centre and the Club Rooms are for the community to use. We therefore invite the community to help us plan these facilities and their operation.

The information you provide will be used by the Howlong Football Club and Federation Council to:

- Estimate the scope of potential use (by who, how often and what they need)
- Shape the concept and design into one that is fit for purpose
- Provide evidence of community support for further funding proposals / grant applications

Please let us know what you and/or your club/organisation think by completing the survey.

Survey Closes 5pm Sunday 31 March 2019

Complete your survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HowlongCommunity>

OR Return a Hard Copy Survey

In Person Howlong Library and Resource Centre
By Post PO Box 77, Corowa, NSW, 2646
By Email council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

For more information or to discuss the project:

Contact: David Longley, phone 0439 033 085

Or see the project summary on: www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au



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Community Survey

Your thoughts on the Howlong Community Hall & Fitness Centre Proposal

Privacy Statement - The information you provide will be collated and de-identified for reporting purposes. If you choose to provide us with your contact details, we will ensure they are kept confidential and will only be used to support decisions and communication about this project. Your contact details will not be shared.

Please return the survey by 5pm Sunday 31 March 2019

1. I am completing this survey on behalf of Myself My club/group/organisation

PART 1: THE COMMUNITY HALL

2. Do you agree that the current activity/function facilities in Howlong do not fully meet the community's needs?

Yes – go to question 3 No – go to question 8

3. What do you think are the key issues with the existing facilities? (tick all that apply)

Insufficient size Lack onsite catering Poor availability Cost
 Lack equipment storage Other, specify: _____

4. Approximately how big do you think the hall needs be?

230 reception style, 175 banquet style, 145 classroom style, 221 theatre style, 13 trade booths
 300 reception style, 230 banquet style, 190 classroom style, 290 theatre style, 17 trade booths
 370 reception style, 276 banquet style, 230 classroom style, 350 theatre style, 20 trade booths
 Other, specify: _____

5. What features are essential to enable and encourage you or your group/organisation to use the community hall? (tick all that apply)

Heating/cooling Stage Dance floor Sound/lighting
 Equipment storage rooms Bar Chairs/tables Projector/Screen
 Commercial kitchen In house catering Self-catering option Online booking
 Other, specify: _____

6. If we included your recommendations above, how often would you/your group/organisation use the community hall and for what purpose?

List the potential activity/events/functions:	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Other
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. How would you or your group/club benefit from having a large community hall in Howlong?

Host more activities/events locally Improve our fundraising capacity
 Save money Establish new activities
 Increase function size Increase community connection
 Enable equipment to be stored on-site Other, specify: _____

8. Please share any comments you'd like to make about the Community Hall proposal.

PART 2: COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTRE

9. What best describes you/ your clubs current exercise arrangements? (pick one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise at home with limited fitness equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise in Howlong in a way that doesn't involve fitness equipment e.g. walking, bike riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise at fitness centres in other towns e.g. Albury-Wodonga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ | |

10. What is the impact for you or your club/organisation, of not having a fitness centre in Howlong? (tick all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Not impacted | <input type="checkbox"/> It's costly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strength and fitness are not as good as they could be | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel takes up too much time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disadvantaged in sport competition | <input type="checkbox"/> Can't exercise as often as would like |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ | |

11. What features and equipment are essential to enable and encourage you or your group/organisation to use the community fitness centre? (tick all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Treadmills | <input type="checkbox"/> Stationary bikes | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension straps | <input type="checkbox"/> Heating/cooling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing machines | <input type="checkbox"/> Free weights | <input type="checkbox"/> Stretching mats | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower/toilets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross trainers | <input type="checkbox"/> Machine weights | <input type="checkbox"/> Boxing equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership options | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal training | <input type="checkbox"/> Group exercise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swipe card access | <input type="checkbox"/> 24/7 access | <input type="checkbox"/> 6am-11pm access | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's play space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ | | | |

12. If we included your recommendations above, how often would you use the Community Fitness Centre?

- Wouldn't use it Occasionally 1-2 x weekly 3-4 x weekly 5+ x weekly
(go to Part 3)

13. How would you or your group/club benefit from having a Community Fitness Centre in Howlong? (tick all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd/we'd start exercising | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved competitive edge | <input type="checkbox"/> Save money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd/we'd increase exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased community connection | <input type="checkbox"/> Save travel time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved strength and fitness <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ | | |

14. Please share any comments you'd like to make about the Community Fitness Centre proposal

PART 3: OTHER COMMENTS AND CONTACT DETAILS

15. Would you support using some of the Howlong Community Funds to support the project? Yes No

16. Please share any other comments you have about the project and its three components (Community Hall, Community Fitness Centre and Club Room Upgrade)

Your Name: _____

Your Club/Organisation: _____

Contact Phone No. _____ Email: _____