

SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE

*Summary of Community Meeting
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BACKGROUND

150Square was engaged by the Shire of Lake Grace to facilitate a meeting of interested community members and organisations regarding the future of the Pink Building. 29 individuals were in attendance on Friday 6 February 2026, at the Lake Grace Town Hall.

1. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

Number of individual responses: 24

Residence:

- Rural - 8
- Townsite - 16

Age Group:

- Under 18
- 19-25 - 2
- 26-40 - 5
- 41-55 - 5
- 56-70 - 8
- Over 70 - 4

Do you have a preference for the future use of the Pink Building:

Gym - 12

Op Shop - 6

CRC / multi purpose space - 4

Other:

- purpose built, new and modern
- singles and worker accommodation
- small items museum
- interpretative centre (lakes, farming, history, environment)
- museum and history space, telling the story of agriculture
- Wall of Fame for our high achievers
- Gymnastics Club x 2

Would you purchase a gym membership:

Yes - 12

No - 4

Unsure - 4

2. TABLE WORK

What are the attractions/ positive attributes of the current building and space and what do you want to keep?

- Colour: its prominent and related to our town
- Location
- Size
- Parking is available
- Framework is ok
- Able to be integrated into main street
- Access to town centre

What people, relationships, feelings, history and momentum do you want to see at this site?

- Young people
- Art displays
- Mental health
- Seniors
- Interactions within the community
- Opportunity for co-location of multiple organisations
- People utilising the gym and being active
- Staff at the CRC would activate the staff
- Intergenerational efforts
- Inviting atmosphere
- Connection
- Safe
- Acknowledge our history
- Have a detailed record of the building's history
- Art display
- Social and active space
- Night and day activation
- Busy
- Community fellowship
- Movement
- A space for youth and young adults
- Mind, body and soul rejuvenation

What are the buildings constraints and challenges?

- Close to railway line (safety)
- Trusses for roof mounted gym gear
- Prone to flooding
- New kitchen and toilets needed
- Bit of an eyesore on the main street
- Cost of refurbishment vs new building
- Access to funding
- Asbestos
- Electricity compliance

- Workshop pit
- Don't duplicate what we already have

Primary Purpose Comments

ADULT GYM	OP SHOP	CRC / MULTIPURPOSE
Pro's • Assists in local workforce attraction • Supports our sports clubs • Complimentary with another purpose such as visitors centre • We don't already have this • Rubber flooring and basic flooring • Profiles us as an active and healthy community • Improves mental health and wellbeing Considerations • 24hrs or set hours. Insurance implications if 24hrs and close proximity to pub. • Close to traffic and pub • Swipe card entry • Needs induction • Lease gym equipment • Annual fee or pass system • Could incorporate wellness activities and services	Pro's • They need more room than where they are now Considerations • More space will not necessarily bring more profit • Profit should be retained locally • We already have online buy, swap and sells for furniture • Furniture won't bring much more to the existing Op Shop	Pro's • More training space for the CRC • More employment options • Can include pop up shop space • Needs privacy for consultations • Offer a creche space • Will give the CRC more space • Needs library to come with the CRC • Skills workshops could be expanded in the new space Considerations • Whilst small building, currently it's a newish building • Feedback that the space is already nice and no need to move • What happens to the current building • Dept of Education considerations as the building owner
COMPLIMENTARY • Gymnastics: will allow us to extend our season, collaborate with the school and other sports that use the space, more children will participate in future years, consistent feedback that the Town Hall is already a good space with equipment and enough floor space, if the Gymnastics go in they will need all the space • Feedback that the gymnastics should remain in the town hall • Community archive space • Health professional space • Have an entry into an interpretative centre and art space		

- Visitor centre
- Include a mural
- Include caravan parking

3. NEXT STEPS

150Square suggests the following steps:

1. Shire of Lake Grace receives this report.
2. Shire of Lake Grace publish feedback received at the workshop.
3. Shire of Lake Grace commission a feasibility study, with the scope of works to include:
 - a. an assessment of whether to renovate the current building or demolish and undertake a new build (financial implications, environmental impact etc)
 - b. flood mitigation strategies
 - c. that space be included for a public adult gym and associated service delivery
 - d. that a cost benefit analysis be undertaken to determine secondary purposes, including engagement with key stakeholders: Community Resource Centre, Visitor Centre and Op Shop



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