

Landsborough Museum: Governance and Partnership Report

Ordinary Meeting
10 November 2021

Key issues

- The Landsborough & District Historical Society has operated the Landsborough Museum since 1976 and maintains a significant regional collection.
- The L&DHS has struggled over the last 5 years with falling numbers of volunteers, limited skills in museum management, lack of commitment in the legal and financial obligations, and a “burnt out” Management Committee.
- Council has supported, and worked with, the L&DHS including a series of facilitated workshops in 2020 to identify options for the future of the Museum.
- Letter to CEO 7 July 2021 formally requesting Council take over the operation of the Landsborough Museum and the care and development of the collection.



Options considered

The options include:

1. Decline the request, which will see the group disband and the loss of the historically significant collection.
2. Council only accepts the collection, noting that Council does not have a place to display or store the collection.
3. Receive the collection and undertake the management and operation of the museum.



Recommendation

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report titled “Landsborough Museum - Governance and Partnership Report”;
- b) accept the donation of the Landsborough Museum community collection in line with the Arts and Heritage Collection Policy 2017;
- c) support a governance model for Landsborough Museum that enables Council to operate the museum as a service of Council and the Landsborough and District Historical Society to provide agreed support services;
- d) authorise the CEO to progress formal agreements with Landsborough and District Historical Society to support council’s decision.



Thank you.



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