

172 Foxlow Street, Captains Flat

Future Use of 172 Foxlow Street, Captains Flat

Background

The property at 172 Foxlow Street is owned by Council. It currently includes the former Captains Flat Health Centre building and a Council depot.

A development application approved in 2016 has since lapsed.

Any future development or subdivision would require a new DA and updated site investigations, particularly regarding asbestos and potential lead contamination.

Current Use and Condition

The eastern section of the site is used as a depot for Council operations. This is required for service delivery in Captains Flat and surrounding areas. The staff amenities do not meet current standards and we are planning for refurbishment and upgrades in future budgets.

The western section contains the former Health Centre building, which is in poor condition.

A Development Application would trigger a Detailed Site Investigation for lead contamination and then a recommended Remediation Action Plan.

Depot

The Council depot function will be retained on site for storage of machinery, equipment and staff facilities. Upgrades will be required in the future to ensure it meets the needs of Council operations.

Recent Community Feedback

At a Captains Flat Community Association meeting in February 2024, a proposal to resubmit the DA for a 2 lot subdivision and demolish the former Health Centre was discussed. The benefit of this proposal was that the community would have a clean, vacant residential lot that could be sold to a new resident to Captains Flat to build a new home.

Members expressed an interest in seeing the site support community needs. It was questioned why Council should fund a new house lot for an individual's benefit.

Suggestions included:

- A museum or creative arts space
- Meeting rooms
- Community garden or flexible community centre

There were also concerns about past decisions on other local assets such as the Station Master's Cottage being made without enough community input.



Since then:

1. Council allocated \$25,000 to develop plans for the Captains Flat Community Hall, that could provide additional spaces for meeting rooms. Council has engaged Heyward Lance Architects who began talking with the community in mid November 2025. We are waiting on initial designs for discussion.
2. The Lead Working Group have been discussing the former Preschool building and proposing it be a community centre. As a result of their advocacy, NSW Crown Lands are reviewing how it can be handed over to the community for its use and access.

Options for Discussion

Council is seeking your views on what is the best use for the former Health Centre land.

While retaining the building for community use might provide space for a museum, arts, or meeting rooms, the building is not habitable, retrievable or able to be refurbished.

Doing nothing will not alter the site which will continue to deteriorate without investment.

Council is seeking feedback on what you would like to see for the vacant site.

Next Steps

Community feedback will inform a further report to Council and help shape budget considerations for 2026-27.

How to Have Your Say

Please share your views at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/future-use-172-foxlow-street-captains-flat

You can also provide input by emailing feedback directly to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au or by posting your submission to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620