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FILE REF: Leases - Council Property; Womens Affairs; 1800.5

REPORT TITLE:

Old Pilot's Residence - Duranbah Beach

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Trust proceeds to demolish this building.

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General Manager
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Your Ref L09 8S01

14 August 2002

Dear John

Re: Old Pilots Residence - Point Danger

There is no Aboriginal Land Claim under the NSW Land Rights Act over this cottage or any reserve within the Jack Evans Boatharbour. The two Native Title Claims under the Native Title Act have been withdrawn.

Departmental investigations reveal that Native Title has been extinguished on the land occupied by the cottage. If a new claim was to be lodged your proposal could still proceed along as the Claimant and the relevant State Aboriginal Land Council is informed.

Yours sincerely

Paul Massey-Reed
Manager, Resource Access and Compliance
NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation

76 Victoria Street, Locked Bag 10 Grafton NSW 2460
Telephone (02) 6640 2000

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Advice has also previously been received from the Lower Tweed Historical Society re the building and is set out below.

"I have named it Mount Warning"
Lt. James Cook RN. HMS Endeavour
16th. May, 1770.

Address all Correspondence to :- HON. SECRETARY
P.O. BOX 839,
TWEED HEADS 2485.
MUSEUM Phone: 07 5536 8625



CUSTODIAN OF
TWEED MARITIME MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES CENTRE
Pioneer Park, Kennedy Drive, Tweed Heads West.

PRESIDENT: JOAN SMITH [Telephone: (07) 55.99-2286]

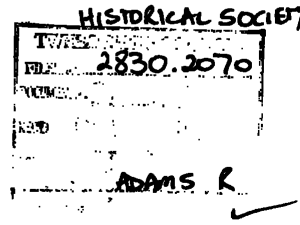
SECRETARY: DENISE GARRICK [Telephone: (07) 55.62-0515]

17 July, 2001

The General Manager,
Tweed Shire Council,
P.O. Box 816,
MURWILLUMBAH. 2484

Attention: Manager, Business Undertakings

Dear Sir/Madam,



Re: Boatman's Cottage Project – Your Ref: PF2830/2070 Pt2 5300
Re: Jack Evans Boat Harbour Reserve Trust

We refer to correspondence in this matter in 1998, in particular our letter to you dated 14th September, 1998 and your reply dated 6th November, 1998.

As you will see from that correspondence, our Society was particularly interested in preserving the existing Boatman's Cottage situated in the Pilot's Reserve at Point Danger and for its ultimate removal to our site, the Tweed Maritime Museum, at Pioneer Park, Tweed Heads West.

In view of the fact that nearly three years has past since the time of our last correspondence, and the fact that the Boatman's Cottage has remained vacant and deteriorated considerably in condition in the meantime, we wish to formally advise Council that our Society, reluctantly, now considers the removal, relocation and restoration of the Boatman's Cottage to our Museum as financially unviable.

Accordingly, please note that our Historical Society hereby relinquishes any interest it had in the Boatman's Cottage at Point Danger.

Yours faithfully,

Denise Garrick
Hon. Secretary.
Lower Tweed River Historical Society Inc.

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The Trust is also reminded that at Council's Community Access session on 8 May 2002 an address was given by Annette Togo-Tuku for permission to use the building as a Women's Natural Health Centre. A copy of her submission is set out below.

Annette Togo-Tuku
1/122 Kennedy Drive
West Tweed Heads
NSW 2486

22 April, 2002

Dr John Griffin
General Manager
Tweed Shire Council
P.O. Box 816
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

PROPOSAL FOR LEASE OF COUNCIL PROPERTY CNR HILL & EDEN STREET, TWEED HEADS NSW

I would like to propose the leasing of this council property for the express purpose of a non-profit community based organisation ie. ***WOMEN'S NATURAL HEALTH CENTRE*** that is designed to continue the work of the Tweed Valley Women's Health Centre that has previously been operational in Wharf Street, Tweed Heads for a period of two years.

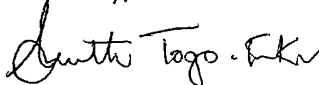
With the closure of the Tweed Valley Women's Health there is a dire need for alternative premises for our clientele to access these previously available services. Our vision is to provide holistic qualified services at concession rates. These include; counseling, naturopathy, beauty therapy, nutrition and therapeutic massage. Whilst these services will be available from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday, we will also offer specialised workshops for women in the areas of self-development, self-esteem, relaxation, yoga and general fitness.

After discussion with the officer in charge of council properties we have been made aware that this property is currently available however requires extensive work and renovations prior to being committed as a place of business. On this matter we have secured voluntary professional trade services in order to renovate, repaint walls, floors and ceilings. The Tugun nursery as a sponsor has also offered their services to upgrade and upkeep the gardens at the premises.

I would like to propose an initial weekly rent rate of between \$150 to \$200 neg. per week with lease term of two years with an additional optional period to be negotiated at a later date. If our application for lease of this property is successful we would like to request the usage of Council workers and truck to remove any excess rubbish that may still be present.

I would like to thank-you in advance for your assistance and consideration with this matter, if you require any further information or details please do not hesitate to contact me on (07) 5599 2385.

Yours truly,



Annette Togo-Tuku

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As was previously advised the building is dilapidated and would require expenditure of significant funds to repair and it is considered that it has passed its useful life and should be demolished.
