

We the undersigned object to the redevelopment of the existing plaza at 32-34 Miller Street due to the items listed below:

- The existing plaza, including public toilet building (opened 2011 as Stage 1 of Council's Miller Street Master Plan) is convenient for the public, both local and visitors
- Nothing in plans seem to suggest a new street stall/kiosk building in the proposed plaza. The current facility is, and has been over many years, frequently used by many organisations as a successful fundraising venue
- Existing paved area, existing seating and disabled parking are used frequently by locals and visitors

**There is no need to disrupt any of the above services.**

- Much has been made of the arched brickwork on the northern elevation of the proposed library and community hub building, though significance of this has not been identified.
- Alterations to the existing building, which is not heritage listed, should include access from Miller Street. All businesses, previously using this building since its establishment, used access from Miller Street. This is also true of all current businesses facing into Miller Street, why deviate from the norm in this instance?
- From architect Heritage Impact Statement and changes proposed it seems obvious that there are few elements of the building which will not be altered, therefore there should not be a problem in having a suitable entrance off Miller Street which will concur with surrounding business premises.
- Gilgandra township has an abundance of 'green space' to cater for residents and visitors – does a further 'green space' really improve commercial viability of the CBD? If more businesses were attracted to the CBD, this would surely improve its viability, rather than more plaza/green space.
- Over 600 residents of the Shire signed a petition (presented to Council on 29 June 2021) objecting to the demotion of the public toilet block and thus, it would follow, the retention of the plaza as it currently stands.

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<u>J O J. Rowntree</u>	<u>9 WATTLE CRES GILGANDRA 13/7/21</u>
<u>Jon Gilmour</u>	<u>2 Grevillia Pl. Gilgandra. 12/7/21.</u>
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13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

General Manager,  
Gilgandra Shire Council,  
DA2021/402,  
PO Box 23,  
Gilgandra NSW 2827,

I am writing in regard to the new proposal for the existing building formally Target Country and the changes to be made to the adjoining Plaza.

I was the secretary of the Advance Gilgandra committee which operated from 1997 – 2008. In that time we were able to put forward many ideas for the beautification of Miller Street and other areas of our town. Council adopted most of those plans and the results are evident.

Our number one priority was always new toilets for Miller Street and it took all those years for them to be built. I have checked all the old correspondence between the then GM and us and it was years of discussion. They were built finally about 2011. They have proved a great asset to our CBD and I am often told that people feel safe in using them because they are so visible. The plans currently in place to remove the toilets will not offer that same visibility. Parents can park and watch others entering the toilets easily. I am strongly opposed to the toilets being demolished

The Street Stall building has proved a wonderful asset for voluntary groups. In 1998 a Plaza had been erected opposite and adjacent to the old Fish Shop. Council erected a new 'old verandah' on the side of the Fish Shop Wall. Our Committee turned that area into a replica of Creenaune's Saddlery Shop and the late Marilyn Mann painted it. Eventually that side of Miller Street was redeveloped and the verandah was to be relocated in front of the kiosk. Unfortunately, this structure was lost at the depot. An awning/verandah in front of the kiosk would have enhanced the building and provided protection for pedestrians walking between the verandah's from Target to Luv Hair & 3D's Butchery building. Westpac Bank donated money for beautification in that area also.

I would like to see one of the front entrances to the Target Building be kept and used. People prefer to walk straight into a building from the main street not walk around the side.

The area that was designated for toilets, be used for further storage for the Library which I understand is needed and all outside plans for the building to be stopped.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Schier

## Lindsay Mathieson

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**From:** Jim Wendy Earsman <w.j.earsman@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 July 2021 6:48 PM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** CO100339 - D/A. 2021/402

To. General manager Gilgandra shire council.

We the undersigned wish to object to the demolition of the public toilets , the kiosk , plus the seating , and the disable parking. With the demolition of the kiosk we feel many charities will miss out on any fundraising. As this has been a very important part of our community for many many years with thousands of dollars raised. We can't see any organisation prepared to put up any pop up stall as we where told by the General Manager and the Director of Corporate Services informed us the community at the meeting in March 2021 a space would be made available under the verandah but is that not down the side of the proposed new library / Hub that to us is not viable as it is not in a visible location. We see councillors Walker and Mockler are now involved with cancer council as per local paper. Well maybe they should talk to the community members regarding the amount of funds raised out of that little kiosk for cancer ,that stays in our community ,and goes to helping people suffering this disease. Without these community raised funds it will be detrimental to the patients of this disease. Also Red Cross ,various other organisations use this kiosk so please save this very important building it is in the ideal position and the volunteers are out of the elements of our disruptive weather patterns. We can only hope commonsense prevails and the community are listened to. I cannot understand why you the council would replace 5 toilets with two toilets set back into the library building with outside hand basins. We feel that the 5 toilets are in a ideal location as is the disable car park. We and the community are very concerned over your proposal to go ahead and demolish and destroy this area. Why can't you just leave things alone that works for everyone. Phone 0428472468.

Regards Jim and Wendy Earsman.

Sent from my iPhone

## Lindsay Mathieson

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**From:** helen naef <helen.t.naef@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 July 2021 8:20 PM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** CO100272 - DA 2021/402  
**Attachments:** IMG\_20210627\_083722.jpg; Screenshot\_20210704\_181432.jpg

DA 2021/402

The General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council.

### OBJECTIONS

I wish to express my objection to the proposed adaptive reuse of an existing building 30-32 Miller street Gilgandra to create a new library and community hub/and upgrade of a public plaza at 32-34 Miller Street Gilgandra.

1. PHOTOGRAPH 1
2. I object to the plaza upgrade and any further GREEN SPACE installations in Gilgandra as councils parks and gardens staff already have far too much to look after. Ive attached an example - the GARDEN at the front of Council Chambers, which no longer resembles the used rock edged, garden bed with roses and native shrubs and is completely engulfed in kikuyu.

### 2. PHOTOGRAPH 2

I object to any external modernisation of the building . This photograph in particular lacks visual blend with our existing main street streetscape - Miller street is authentic / country - but the modern style of this proposal will clash with the street. It just doesnt fit. We must retain the existing entire facade ie front doors and windows.

Tourists come to country towns for the "real deal" - not something generic/modern that they can see in a metro or large regional centre. It doesnt say "country" and it doesnt say unique "Gilgandra". ...and thoughts of many country town mains street Ive through come to mind.

3. I object to the removal of our quality toilet amenity currently insitu. It is a very presentable building, it is not substand nor does it require demolition - and it has enclosed handbasins!!! Will the lack of a handbasin in each cubicle in the "new" proposed cubicle mean that the cubicle will be smaller therefore will squeeze in to the Gil floor space and meet regs?

I cannot understand the logic of the proposed planned external handbasins, which will be **open to public view** - when the users (lots being travellers/women) of said handbasins often require **privacy** - because handbasins offer **respite** for many "situations" besides handwashing eg babies and soiled nappies, travellers cleaning their teeth, ladies needing to refresh during menstruation and personal grooming .... and anecdotal evidence suggests men rarely wash their hands after going to the toilet , they wont care either way. **But Women appreciate a private handbasin.**

If responses/objections to this DA dont come forth in sufficient numbers, please do not think that residents who are Not saying anything agree with Council, it actually means that they feel council will take no notice irrespective. Unfortunately many people say this.

I do not consider Facebook LIKES are legitament, anyone can logon onto any account and click a like...FB users are "like-a-holics" and click on anything and everything!

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Objection to Development Proposal  
DA2021/402

General Manager.  
Gilgandra Shire Council,  
P O Box 23  
Gilgandra NSW 2827.

Dear Sir,

Im writing with an objection to the development proposal of 30-32 Miller Street Gilgandra.

1. Having the hand basins outside the toilets, I find that would be unhygienic, with people touching door handles extra, before washing their hands. I am against the demolishing of the present toilets, when your proposal is taking away area from the library, who wants to hear flushing toilets while attending the Library.
2. I object to the lean to that is to be the area where community groups have their stalls.,I feel not having a specified enclosed area( like what is there now) for the community groups who use,this area unsafe,unmanageable, when a lot of these people are elderly members of the community, raising money for community projects, which they have done so for many years. As far as I can see it's a slap in the face to these people.
3. As for the plaza area, have we not enough green space in the town without creating another one, that Council will have to maintain after the grant money is spent, ,that will be ratepayers money then.

Hoping common sense prevails.

Yours,  
Karen McBurnie

## Lindsay Mathieson

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**From:** Diane Foran <difor700@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 8:29 PM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** CO100474 - DA2021/402

The General Manager

With regard to the proposed upgrade of the public plaza, the following objections are raised:

\* The existing toilet block (erected largely through the fund raising efforts of community members) is convenient, visible and accessible. I feel this would not be the case if the toilets were located within the new library/community hub building.

\* The demolition of the existing toilet block, which is still very serviceable, appears to be a waste of government resources. Mayor Doug Batten stated in "The Gilgandra Weekly" that "it is of a standard people expect" (Sept 13, 2011) and therefore could continue to service the community for some years to come.

\* The community kiosk has been utilised by various organisations to raise much-needed funds over many years. I understand this kiosk is also earmarked for demolition, with no replacement included in the new proposal.

The existing kiosk is very well placed in the Main Street to attract passing trade. In addition, I believe there may be a caveat on the existing kiosk.

\* Rather than landscaping the plaza area, which I feel is quite acceptable in its current form, it may be more desirable to plant some trees in the Main Street where their benefits would be widespread, rather than concentrated in one small area.

Diane Foran, Gilgandra

The General Manager  
Gilgandra Shire Council

DA: 2021/402

PO Box 23 Gilgandra NSW 2827

We the undersigned object to the redevelopment of the existing plaza at 32-34 Miller Street due to the items listed below:

1. There are many residents who support leaving the area as is. There are quite sufficient green areas and by planting trees as suggested it does certainly affect the view of the trees along our riverbank and walkway area that we are currently promoting as a visitors and town attraction.
2. The unnecessary waste/cost of removal and replacement of the toilet block.
3. To retain the kiosk, but with an upgrade of a roller door and signage displaying the organisations using this worthwhile space.
4. Surely not opening to Miller Street (our main street), is a BIG mistake which was hotly debated at previous meetings by interested townsfolk.
5. Be aware that trees can cause considerable damage to footpaths and require constant maintenance and attention which would increase the load on the outdoor staff. Also, there could be more costs to replace damage if necessary to paths and grass areas. It was also previously mentioned at town meetings that Council is currently understaffed and unable to attend gardens which is evident by the current lack of upkeep to green areas.
6. As you would be aware a petition objecting to the demolition of the toilet block with 600 signatures were received by the Council
7. I will be most happy for these suggestions to be seriously considered and look forward to your written response.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Beryl Barden



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**RE: Objection to Demolition and Removal of Toilets in public plaza at 34 Millers Street**

We, the Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Land Council do not agree with the demolition and removal of the public toilets at the 34 Miller Street plaza. We wish to acknowledge our membership and aboriginal and non-aboriginal community and support them in their concerns with the removal of the toilets.

For the following reasons:

1. We feel it will be a waste of rate-payers money (We are one of the biggest ratepayers in the Shire area).
2. The existing toilets are easily accessible.
3. The existing toilets are easy to identify.
4. Numerous travellers and townspeople use the facilities regularly on a daily basis as it is conveniently located in the main street.

We feel that if these toilets are removed travellers are going to bypass Gilgandra's main shopping centre and locals will not go into the library to specifically use the toilet.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on the above.

Yours

Raymond Thompson  
Chairperson

  
Sheila Johnson  
CEO

**For and on behalf of the Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Land Council**