



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABERFOYLE COMMUNITY CENTRE EXPANSION

Why is the centre being expanded?

Our current facility is already a well-equipped space, featuring a community kitchen, outdoor pergola, and multifunctional rooms suitable for meetings, general programs, and small office consultations. However, with the expansion, we will be able to offer new types of programs and experiences. These new programs and experiences have been heavily requested in community feedback and engagement surveys and will help to increase our levels of community engagement.

What does the expansion include?

Multifunctional room:

The centrepiece of the expansion will be a brand-new multifunctional room, specially designed for the new activities and events. Unlike the existing rooms, this one will feature resilient vinyl flooring, making it perfect for dance and other “messy” activities. Wall mirrors will enhance the dance experience, while high ceilings and north-facing glazing provide a bright and inviting interior.

Additionally, we’re creating a “youth pod” with views into the reserve, providing a space for young minds to socialise. With large sliding doors, the new multifunctional room is oriented towards a centralised outdoor area, creating an informal gathering space for all attendees.

Arts Studio Space:

Those interested in the arts will be drawn to the new studio space. Although this room is smaller than the adjoining multifunction room, it will house ample storage shelving and mobile workstations, enabling a variety of activities and configurations which can even be used in conjunction with the multifunction room. The studio will also feature new pottery kilns and pottery wheels to cater for the creatives interested in this type of craft.

How was the design for the expansion decided?

The design of the expansion was informed by previous engagements highlighting the need for increased arts, dance, and social spaces. The need for increased space suitable for youth programming was also identified.

The draft plans have also been informed by targeted consultation with user group representatives and centre volunteers.



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Will the centre be closed while construction is underway?

Access to the facility will remain open throughout the construction process and steps will be taken to minimise impacts to centre users.

Will the expansion impact the playground and artwork in adjacent Bob Such Reserve?

The playground will not be impacted by the expansion.

The existing artwork wall called “Connection” will be integrated into the Centre’s new outdoor space.

What will the centre offer after the construction is complete?

The expansion will provide capacity for a wide range of new programs, including arts, crafts, dance, exhibitions, social gatherings, children's activities, and family-oriented events. Our goal is to create a dynamic and inclusive space that is tailored for further engagement in arts and youth programs.

How is the expansion being funded?

The expansion has a project budget of \$1.5 million and has been fully funded through a Community Infrastructure Grant from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport with the support of Erin Thompson, Member for Davenport, and therefore has no impact on council's 2023-24 budget.
