

The General Manager
Ms L.Mash
Oberon Shire Council

Mrs.Kerryn Coulter
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On behalf of the Oberon Needle Workers

Dear Ms Mash,

We have been watching with a great deal of interest, the additions and alterations to the Oberon Community Centre.

For many years we have used the Centre, every Thursday as our meeting place for our sewing, patchworking ,knitting and the like. Normally, we use the large room for this and we also have a cupboard in this room for storing our sundry bits and pieces.

However, once a month on a Thursday, the Oberon Spinners and Weavers also use the Centre. With their need for space for their spinning wheels,skeins of wool and associated items, we move to the smaller room. Both groups cannot fit into one room, not only for the space problem the but for the need for separate areas for different hobbies.

The kitchen is something that we all use and appreciate, especially at coffee break and lunch time.

The Needle Workers also have times when we have open days for displays, and as this involves large quilts and tables for smaller items, we have always had the use of both the rooms. This is a time when we can show visitors and locals our creations that we have had spent so much time to make. All this would not be possible without the Oberon Council's cooperation in letting have the use of the centre for this special display, and it is very much appreciated.

However, with the rumor mill in full swing, we would like some clarification as to what is going to happen to the Centre .With the talk of an art gallery in one room that is to be kept closed, and having the Oberon tapestries moved to the Oberon Community Centre from the Cobweb Shop,(where they are open for visitors to look at seven days a week), was also included in the gossip.

Now you can understand why we are concerned that we, and many other users of the Centre will be left worse off after the alterations and additions are completed.

So we are asking if you would you please advise us as what is planned for the centre, especially in regard to the rooms that the current users will have available to them, and obviously the amenities.

Yours Faithfully,



Mrs.Kerryn Coulter

On Behalf of the Oberon Needle Workers

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