

## 11.2 Naming of 70 Court Street Mudgee

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY  
TO 16 FEBRUARY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING  
GOV400098, P1122711

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Director Community on the Naming of 70 Court Street Mudgee; and**
2. **endorse Kildallon Education Centre as the name for the former TAFE site at 70 Court Street Mudgee.**

### Executive summary

Council recently purchased 70 Court Street, Mudgee (the former TAFE site) and following some repair works by TAFE, the property is now operational. There is a Memorandum of Understanding in place with Mudgee Arts Council for the operation of the facility for education, music and theatre rehearsal. It is appropriate that the facility is provided with a name now that it is being used by the community.

### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

### Detailed report

Preliminary discussions have been held with Mudgee Arts Council regarding the potential name for 70 Court Street. A submission (attached) on this matter has been received from Mudgee Arts Council who have recommended the name of Kildallon Music Education Theatre (or Mudgee MET). It is noted that much of the use of the facility is focused on a range of community groups such as U3A, the Mudgee Performing Arts Society and the Mudgee Community Band. Mudgee Arts Council therefore has a focus on a broad range of performance and artistic pursuits.

It is noted that the original historic home is named Kildallon and the use of this name is an appropriate nod to the heritage of the site and the connections to its past uses. Incorporating Kildallon into the name is recommended as part of this decision.

From Council's perspective, the property at 70 Court Street offers great opportunities to support the community both now and in the future. One future proposed use is for a Country University Centre to be established on the site. This connection with the tertiary sector has been a long standing community goal and all indications are that this will be a positive asset for the community.

Council's focus, therefore, has a greater focus on education and it is recommended that Kildallon Education Centre be considered for the site. Ultimately, the naming of the site is a decision for Council. There are a number of options such as:

- Kildallon Music Education Theatre
- Kildallon Education Centre
- Kildallon Community Centre

- Mudgee Education Centre

Council may also have other names that could be considered.

70 Court Street is an important community facility and, while in its early days of operation, it is having a positive impact on a range of community groups and organisations. A name will help to promote the facility and allow it to take its place in the heart of the community.

## Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Looking After Our Community</b>
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

## Strategic implications

### **Council Strategies**

Not applicable

### **Council Policies**

Not applicable

### **Legislation**

Not applicable

## Financial implications

Not applicable

## Associated Risks

This is a topic of community interest and Council needs to consider the current and future uses of the building in coming to a decision.

SIMON JONES  
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

2 February 2022

*Attachments:* 1. MWRC Site name proposal - Mudgee Arts.

### APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM  
GENERAL MANAGER

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21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear Simon,

At our recent meeting, the Mudgee Arts Council proposed a working name for the former TAFE site in Court street. The name we are proposing is 'Kildallon Music Education Theatre'. We anticipate this would be shortened to 'Kildallon MET' and may be colloquially referred to as 'the Mudgee MET'. We believe this name reflects the link to the historical, in the original property name 'Kildallon' and gives some information about the current purpose of the site in the by-line.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Kind regards,  
Liz Halbisch  
President  
Mudgee Arts Council