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By email only: rhva.secretary@gmail.com

Attention: Chris Hayes - President

Dear Chris

**Response to Request for Council Co-Contribution – Disaster Ready Fund – Yulunga
Community Hall – Community-Led Project**

Thank you for your letter to the Mayor and CEO (received 22 June 2026) regarding the Red Head Villages Association's plans to deliver extensions to the Yulunga Community Hall at Manyana as a community-led project, partially funded through round four of the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund.

Your enquiry has been referred to the City Services directorate.

I refer also to your recent coordination with the Technical Services department (Community Infrastructure Planning team) in relation to this project.

Your request for a financial commitment from Shoalhaven City Council, for the purposes of demonstrating compliance with the minimum co-contribution requirement under this grant program, has been considered but unfortunately cannot be supported at this time.

It is acknowledged Yulunga Community Hall is identified by the NSW Rural Fire Services as a Neighbourhood Safer Place, and therefore functions as a place of last resort during a bush fire emergency. It is further acknowledged this project is aligned with Shoalhaven City Council's draft Community Infrastructure Strategic Plan 2056, which notes it as a lower priority for delivery.

However, there are no funds available to dedicate to this project in Council's budget for the 2025/26 or 2026/27 financial years. This means an alternative source of funding would need to be identified by the RHVA for the purposes of demonstrating compliance with grant guidelines. Alternatively, the project can be considered for future grant programs that do not require a co-contribution.

Yours faithfully



Craig Exton
Acting Director - City Services