



### *The Heritage Centre*

The construction phase of the Heritage Centre has been a continuation of obstacles and frustrations with further cost blow outs. According to the builder Stage 1 will be completed by end of November, but this is difficult to see happening at the present rate of progress. According to the contract it must be completed by end of March 2025.

Stage 1 consists of the Homestay Accommodation, now well advanced in construction, the Blacksmith Shop to be constructed by Paul Bott, now under final negotiation owing to misunderstanding by PWA (kind words for stuff up) but will be sorted. The new Reception and Museum Shop and Air Conditioning still to be commenced. The lift is the last to be constructed and being reviewed in light of the continued budget blow out. Stage 1 will not work if the accommodation and blacksmith shop is not completed so they have priority over the lift.

The new manager position for the Heritage Centre, for which we have funding from a grant from Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, cannot be initiated until we have further confirmation of the completion dates.

Stage 2 may be happening due to the generous support of our Braidwood Community Bank. I cannot express too much our gratitude for their offer of partial financial assistance. The Bank has pledged an amount which we will campaign to match to allow completion of the whole Heritage Centre Project.



***The construction manager for Greenwich Build is Roger Betts. He is putting in a sterling effort organising the contractors and working well with John and me to get the best results with the resources available. 27 August 2024.***

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We have applied for a Grant from Clubs NSW for \$200k and expect to hear back in November, but more is needed. The next step is to go back to the politicians.

Everyone agrees this completed project will deliver broad ranging benefits to BDHS, the Museum, Braidwood & District Community and Regional NSW. It should not be this difficult!

**Peter Smith—President**

**Museum Opening Hours**

**Friday and Saturday 11am—2pm**

Our resources are available for researchers and family historians in our reading room during museum opening hours or by appointment. This service is free but, as we are a volunteer organisation entirely dependent on the generosity of the community, we hope for your supportive donations.

Write to us at  
**help@braidwoodmuseum.org.au**

We will let you know if we hold any relevant information.

If you are unable to come to our reading room personally we have professional researchers who can help.

**The charge for this service is \$50 per hour.**

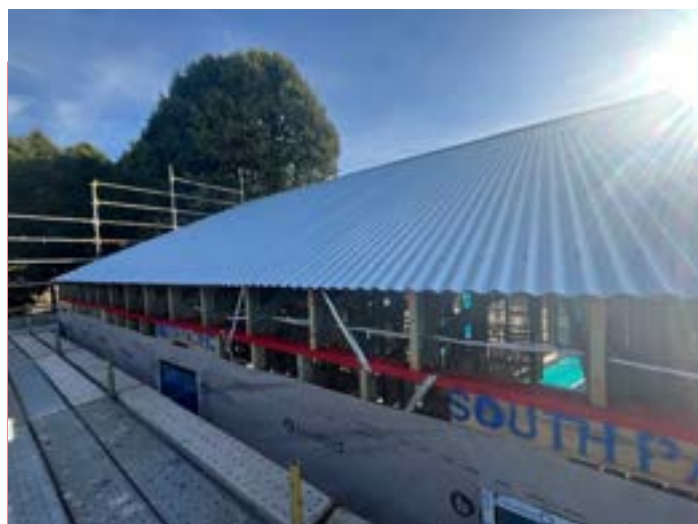
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***Inside the homestay. The expansive lounge/dining/kitchen area is taking shape. Most of the wiring and plumbing (pipes) is near completion for later connection.***

***In the coming weeks you might see a new electricity pole being erected in Wallace Street, outside the museum. This to enable more power required for the ultimate completion of the Heritage Centre. All the power and plumbing required for the complete project is included in stage 1.***



***The roof is on the homestay block.***