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The Heritage Centre

Members and friends who attended our excellent dinner and social event last Saturday would have heard my rant about waste and disappointments.

It is time the community knew how they have been let down. The Heritage Centre is a community project. It is not just for the benefit of the historical society.

The bushfire recovery money, for economic stimulus and employment, has not been spent in Braidwood. The architects are from Sydney, the builder is from Southern Highlands. The huge fee taken by Public Works for management (\$265k plus another \$70k in the pipeline) does not go to Braidwood. Most of the trade work has been sourced elsewhere.

It gets worse. There has been no funding allocated for fitting out the accommodation- no beds, no blankets, no crockery, no cutlery! There is no allocation of funding to finish the blacksmith shop. Oh! we just found out PWA forgot to include retaining walls and fencing in Stage 1.

We are now talking to politicians, Kristy McBain and Steve Whan about how they can help fix the Government failure and waste.

So, while we battle to finish Stage 1 how do we undertake and finish Stage 2?

Our wonderful Braidwood Community Bank comes to the rescue. They have given a pledge for \$520k on the condition we find the balance to complete



The interior of the homestay is a large common area with loung featuring a dinning room and kitchen with outdoor bar-becue facility.

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The Inside Story

the project. Their pledge gives us a powerful tool that we are using. It shows the community support for this project. However, we still need to be successful in applying for a further government grant.

We are buoyed by the community support. As long as we have that we will keep fighting and prevail. But it is time we let the community know how they have been let down.

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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Three sides of the homestay and roof have been clad in corrugated iron. The front will feature vertically mounted timbers milled from the demolished Charleyong bridge.



The new museum entrance / reception, including shop have been marked out and soon will be ready to commence construction.