



**SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND
PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON SETTLEMENT SPORTS HALL REFURBISHMENT
SUBSTAINABLEITY HUB – DESIGN CONCEPT
PLAN**

In 2017 the Shire following a public comment period adopted the Settlement Sports Hall Refurbishment June 2017.

The recent creation of the marine park and the introduction of the fisheries ordinance has brought a new set of opportunities for the re-use of the building with the possibility to better take advantage of its location immediately adjacent to the ocean without diminishing its function towards tourism and community activities

Accordingly, the SOCI is seeking to elevate the concept to a Sustainability Hub with the following proposed features:

At ground level: Marine science research; Marine aquaculture studies; Shared laboratory and office space; Aquaponic & hydroponic LED experiments; Aquarium display; Shared auditorium (tourism, education & research) and Community activities for event and functions.

The Gaze Road level would remain unchanged with: The relocated visitors centre; Internet hub; Shop premises; Café/restaurant & kitchen and a share balcony

The mezzanine level could provide: Office space for the CITA; Office space for the fisheries ranger(s); Possible office space dedicated to the marine park and a shared boardroom

The **SETTLEMENT SPORTS HALL REFURBISHMENT SUBSTAINABLEITY HUB – DESIGN CONCEPT PLAN** is available at the George Fam Main Office and Public Library during office hours or the Shire's website www.shire.gov.cx.

Please submit your feedback by 16th May 2023 to the Shire CEO by email at shire.ceo@shire.gov.cx, in writing to PO Box 863, Christmas Island WA 6798 or in person at the Shire Offices during office hours.

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