

# **Blayney Shire Council**



## **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Stephen Johansson, and his team at Facility Design Group, have been involved with Blayney Shire Council over the past eighteen months.

I have had the pleasure, as Council's Director of Works & Services, in working with Stephen in the development of a proposal for the design and construction of a Multi Purpose Centre at Blayney. The Centre involves the enclosing of the existing swimming facility and the construction of two dry courts, gymnasium, scout and guide hall and amenities under one roof.

Utilising a design management system, the underlying principle of which is cost management, Facility Design Group and Council have been able to achieve a contract price for the project well under the budget estimate.

The consultant/client relationship established with Stephen Johansson and Facility Design Group has been a unique one. It has been a team effort, from the development of a concept proposal to the final preparation of plans and specifications. The time frame, first conceived some 12 months ago, has been achieved almost to the week, providing confidence to myself and Council that project deadlines will be met.

The level of communication and the achievement of maximum benefits for dollar outlay, is a hallmark of Facility Design Group. In my twenty years experience in Local Government, I have not experienced this type of consultant/client relationship previously.

Stephen's practical knowledge, sourcing of product information and accurate costing details has provided the foundation for Blayney's successful project. Without the hype of much larger consultancies, Facility Design Group listen to their client's requirements and produce a functional, cost effective solution.

I am delighted to provide this testimonial and to have had the opportunity of engaging Stephen Johansson and Facility Design Group to be a major part of the Blayney project.

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