



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

STEPHEN JOHANSSON

I write this in respect of Stephen Johansson's role in the creation of Junee Junction Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

Mr. Johansson first came to the attention of Junee Shire Council staff at a conference in Wagga Wagga. He made a presentation on the development of the Blayney Recreation Centre. Staff were impressed and duly went to inspect the Blayney centre. The impression was confirmed, and Blayney Shire Council endorsed Mr. Johansson's competencies and vigour.

In April 2001 Junee Shire Council engaged Mr. Johansson, of Facility Design Group, to conduct community consultations and to produce sample concepts. This he did in a most competent and productive manner. The concepts produced were all realistically attuned to the community's circumstances and showed imagination and flair. The chosen options suitability was validated by further community consultation conducted by Mr. Johansson.

He was engaged to produce plans to Construction Certificate stage. This he did in a most professional and timely manner, making innovative yet practical design fit within our modest budget. In the interests of affordability, Junee Shire Council was to build the complex itself, and Stephen set us up to succeed in that endeavour. Most importantly, he set us up to achieve strict cost parameters.

Although Mr. Johansson's role did not include project administration, he made himself freely available to us for advice and problem solving during construction. His vast practical experience was invaluable during this period.

Our project started construction in March 2003 and we opened the centre for business on 23 December 2003. We have, for \$3.1m, achieved an innovative, adaptable and useable complex which is entirely suitable for Junee's purposes and sets a standard for small country centres. That we were able to achieve this is a tribute to Stephen Johansson's pragmatism, ingenuity and commitment to cost effectiveness. He gave us good, commonsense design and, more importantly, gave us what we wanted at an affordable price.

Many councils have viewed our facility and gone away impressed. We are happy to commend Mr. Johansson's professional services to them, as I do his professionalism and competence to you.

Yours faithfully,

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