



WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL

To Whom It May Concern

Council recently engaged the Facility Design Group, in conjunction with the Department of Sport and Recreation, to carry out a Redevelopment Options Study for Council's existing swimming pool site at Picton.

Stephen Johanssou, as Principal Consultant, undertook a very practical approach to the study, demonstrating an awareness of Council's funding constraints.

In developing their proposals, Stephen and his Group made appropriate choices of structures and materials, consistent with desirable architectural features and Wollondilly Shire's rural nature, yet demonstrated a keen understanding of cost control to ensure that the project would be within budget.

Stephen showed a good depth of knowledge of all facets of the aquatic recreation industry and was not adverse to approaching individual manufacturers and suppliers for the best manufacturing methods and materials to ensure realistic figures were included in the estimates for the project.

There was a very good relationship between Council and the Facility Design Group, with open communication and frequent feedback, giving Council confidence in the direction the project was heading.

I feel the difference between the Facility Design Group and other consultants in this area is their practical approach to developing concepts that are both architecturally sound, yet consistent with the client's wishes regarding limited budget and accepted outcomes regarding finish and operation.

Should you wish to contact me to further attest to the attributes of Stephen Johanssou and the Facility Design Group, do not hesitate to do so.

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