

URALLA COURTHOUSE REFURBISHMENT

ARCHITECTURAL ADVICE FOR URALLA COUNCIL

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Introduction

Uralla Council have requested ADG Architects to provide advice on the proposed works to the courtyard and Main Courtroom.

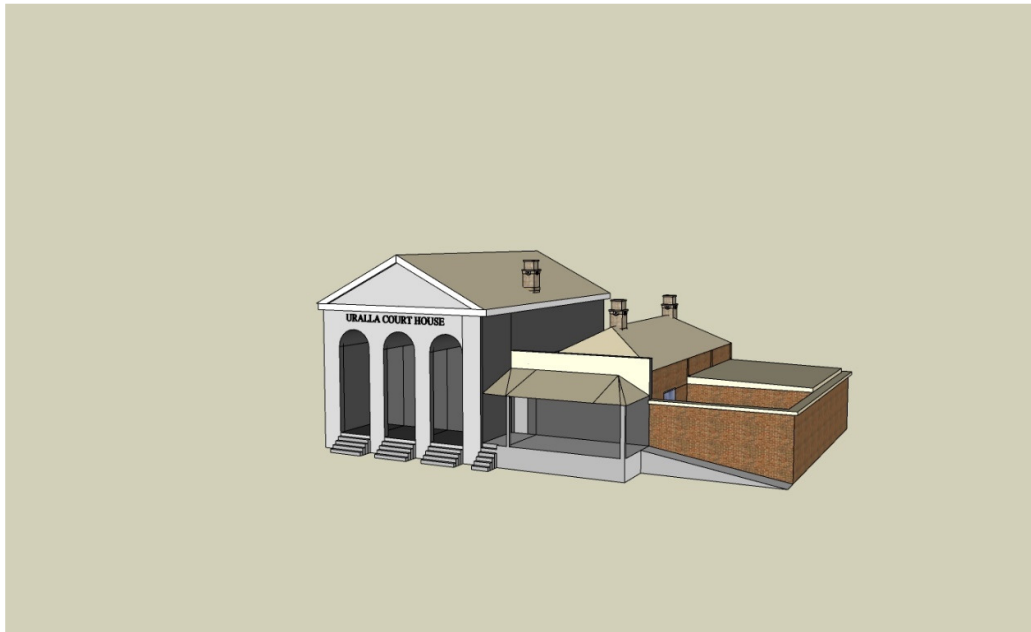
1. Which of the provided mock-ups is most sympathetic to the building and it's adaptive reuse,



Option 1

A Pitched roof indicated in the image would be sympathetic to the existing roof form.

There is an opportunity to construct half of the roof with a transparent material that is over the gathering space to not only keep the form of the new roof etc but allow natural light into that space.

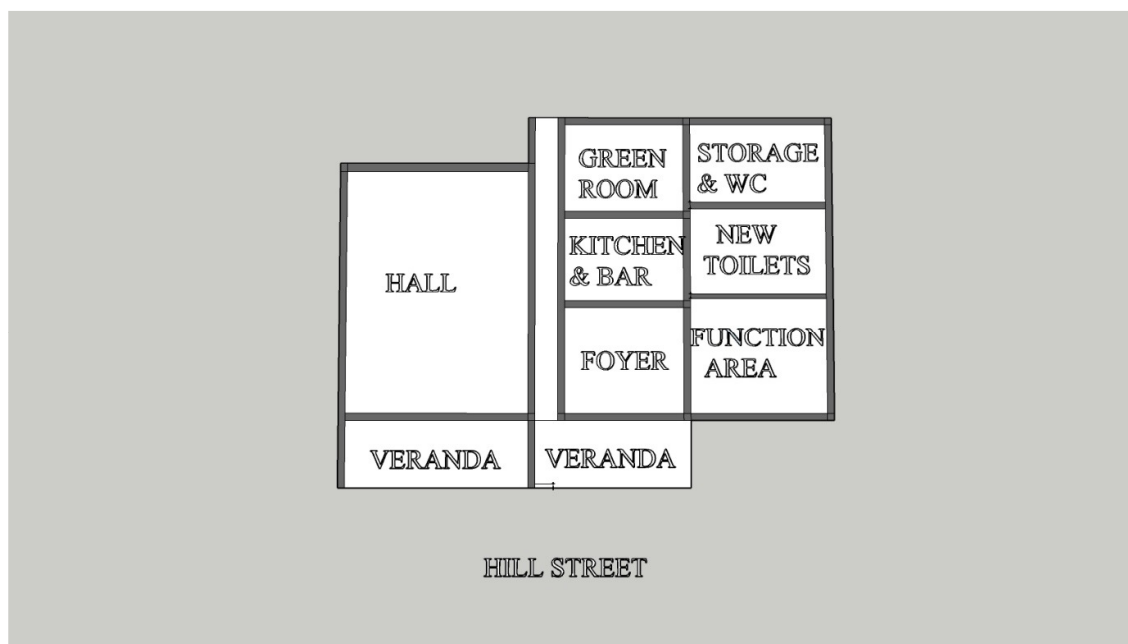


Option 2

The above skillion low roof would be the cheapest option and will cause the least issues in regard to rain water removal/drainage and guttering etc.

A prominent building needs a prominent response. The walled outdoor space would have a better internal feel with a higher roof as per the image provided attached. With this option there is an opportunity for natural light/ high ceilings/ period correct detailing and would be spatially sympathetic to the high ceilings and public nature of the existing courthouse

2. *Whether or not removing the two southern toilets and replacing the middle one with new universal access toilets would have a substantial impact on the significance of the building.*



Removing the two southern toilets and replacing the middle one with new universal access toilets would have minimal impact on the significance of the building and current accessible WC requirements would require the existing WC to be removed and replaced.

Is there a possibility of keeping some structure of the existing toilet so as to be sympathetic to its significance and its original use, repurposed to storage/seating/BBQ etc or function that is useful and forming part of the courtyard space.

A good photographic record of the courtyard area and its outbuildings before removal would be then displayed in the courthouse

3. *Whether or not roofing the outdoor area for adaptive reuse would have a substantial impact on the significance of the building.*

This would not have a substantial impact on the significance of the building. See comments above

4. *The removal of the non-period correct courtroom fixings*

Removing the non-period correct courtroom fixings to enable the room to be used for community use, will have minimal impact on the heritage value of the courthouse/court room.

The room size is approximately 80sqm therefore retention of the pews and benches etc. would dramatically restrict any future use.

It will enhance the space by allowing visitors to use the court room and view historic photographic records on the walls. It will importantly represent the requirements of the grant given to refurbish for community use.

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