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NEW LEASE RECOGNISES SIGNIFICANCE OF LAMEROO MUSEUM

A new lease agreement with a peppercorn annual rent will be offered by the Southern Mallee District Council to the operators of Lamerook Museum in recognition of the valuable service they provide.

The Lamerook and District Historical Society has been operating the museum – a popular destination for visitors – for several years without a formal lease in place.

Council this month took steps to rectify this, supporting a move to offer a lease to the group with favourable conditions including a peppercorn rental of \$1 per annum.

Southern Mallee District Council Mayor Jeffrey Nickolls said the museum, located behind Dolly's Golden Rain Tree Crafts and Heritage, was an important heritage preservation and tourism attraction facility.

"The work of the Lamerook and District Historical Society in running both its archives and the museum is invaluable to our community," Mayor Nickolls says.

"While we do require formal leases for Council's facilities, we recognise the important asset that the museum is to Lamerook in terms of heritage preservation, as well as a visitor attraction that drives economic development opportunities for the town.

"Council wanted to ensure that the lease reflects the high level of respect and support we have for the work of the Society. This new agreement now ensures that all relevant legal requirements and insurances for the museum can be covered, without imposing on the limited resources of the Society."

The lease has been developed in consultation with the Lamerook and District Historical Society, which confirmed its support for the draft lease. Council will now formalise the agreement with the Society.

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