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BEGA VALLEY SHIRE COUNCIL
BVSC ADMIN BUILDING REFRESH
PROJECT & COSTING

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### 1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Sibling Architecture began working on the design and detailed costing of the Bega Valley Shire Council (BVSC) Admin Building refresh in June 2020. Bega is located 500km (5 hours drive) south of Sydney New South Wales and is located 18kms west of Tathra on the Sapphire Coast. The Sapphire Coast, Bega Valley, and local national parks are a major tourism attraction in southern NSW and draw thousands of visitors annually. The town's central location within the Bega Valley means that the local rolling hills, natural assets and pastoral land have a strong place within the community psyche. The BVSC Admin building is located centrally within the town and faces onto Zingel place, the local village green with views to the culturally significant Mumbulla Mountain to the north. The building is flanked by the newly constructed Civic Centre to west and the Bega Valley Regional Gallery and Library to the east. The BVRG is currently undergoing development for its own re-vitalization. The redevelopment of the BVSC Admin building is seen as a major piece of community facing council infrastructure for Bega and will serves as a focal point for various inclusive community activities.

### 1.2 PROJECT TASKS

The BVSC Admin Building project seeks the re-design of the existing Admin building and its connections to the newly developing Bega Valley Regional Gallery design, Zingel Place and the Civic Centre. Previously feasibility report and briefing document have been undertaken in 2015.

Sibling Architecture were provided with & reviewed this document and produced two design proposals for the new BVSC Admin Building based on these reports and Staff Stakeholder Engagement Sessions.

This report along with the detailed costing is envisioned as a guiding document that will assist Council in applying for and allocating the funds required for the new BVSC Admin Building.

Lists of reviewed documents & Engagement:

- I LociGenesis Functional Requirements Brief 2015
- II Historical Photos and Building Drawings of the BVSC Admin Building
- III Three x Staff Stakeholder Engagement Sessions

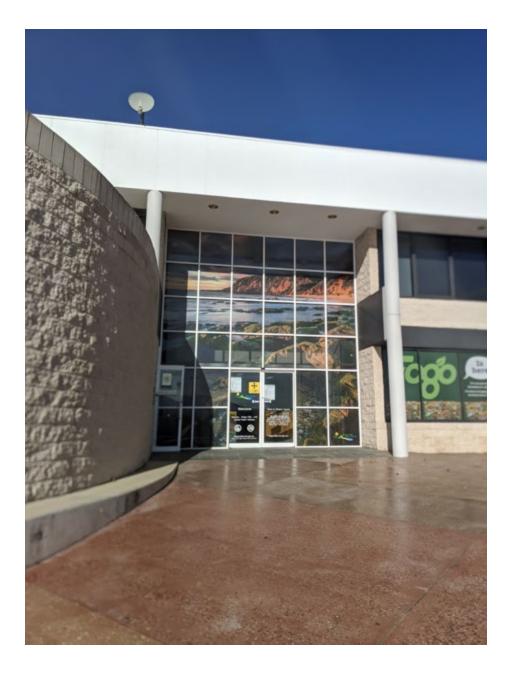


### 1.3 RESEARCH AND ORIENTATION

During this stage, following project inception, Sibling Architecture focused on familiarising the consultancy team with the existing facility and information exchange to help establish the wider project context (in terms of project activity, capital works programs, strategic priorities, consultation arrangements etc).

### Key tasks achieved within Research & Orientation:

- 1. Review of all previous documentation and recommendations for both the current and proposed future facilities.
- 2. Critical assessment of the quality of the building and facilities within the area
- 3. Identification of opportunities and constraints for remodeling the space within the existing footprint of the site.
- 4. Identification of opportunities and constraints for additional external entrances and areas for staff.





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### 1.4 CONSULTATION AND OPTIONS DEVELOPMENT

During the Consultation and Options Development stage, the primary focus was to develop a deeper understanding regarding the context and the needs of the BVSC staff and community. The potential for enhancements, options for coordinated upgrades and requirements were researched through stakeholder consultation and feedback from council.

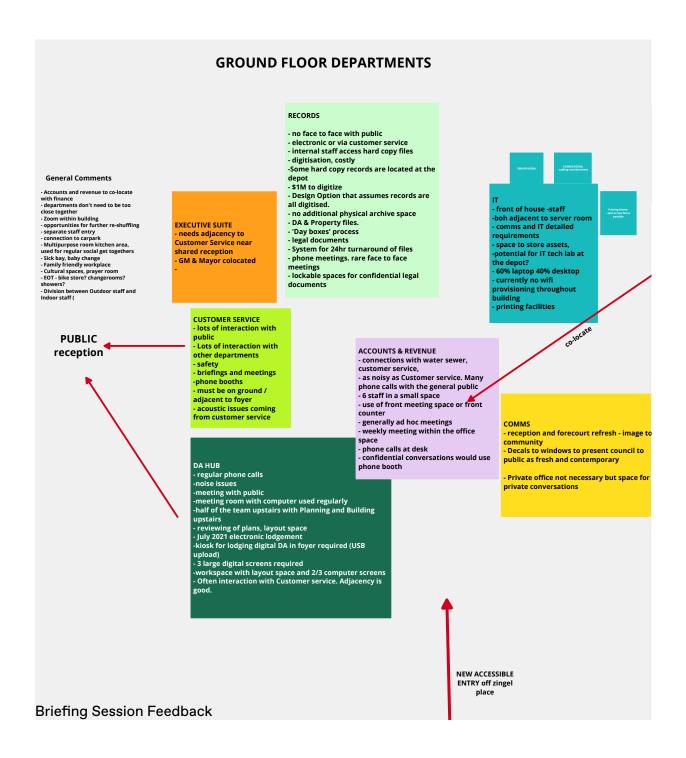
Key Tasks within this phase:

### A. Preliminary option appraisal into the upgrade/construction of a facility including :

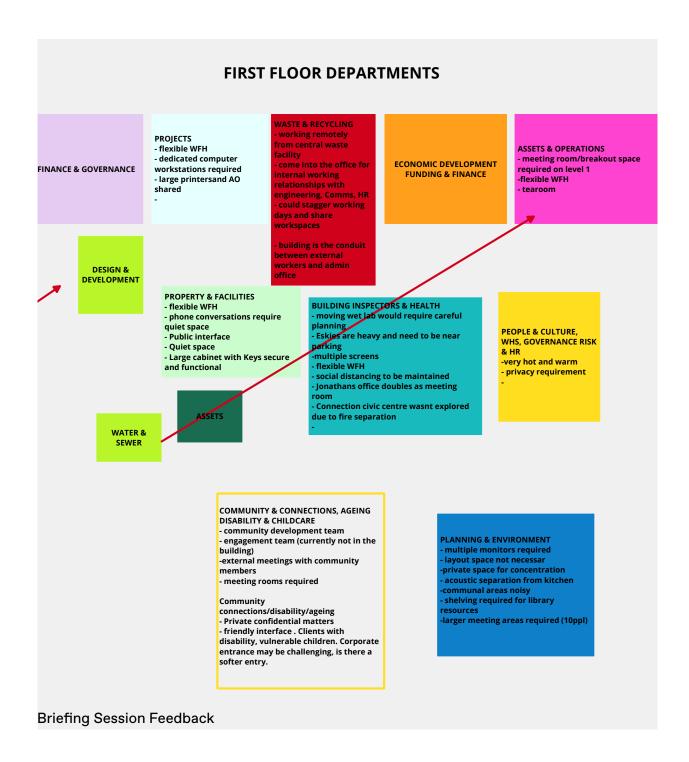
- 1. An assessment of the spatial requirements of the building, and potential uses of the space to be tested and confirmed in consultation.
- 2. Consideration of the physical and functional linkages with surrounding facilities and identification of any possible linkages to these facilities or surroundings
- B. Consultation within this phase was two group Zoom meetings with the following key stakeholders as a minimum, to ensure their views and ideas are taken into full consideration:
- 1. BVSC Executive
- 2. BVSC Team Leaders
- 3. Executive Suite
- 4. Records
- 5. IT
- 6. DA Hub
- 7. Accounts and Revenue
- 8. Comms
- 9. Projects
- 10. Assets and Operations
- 11. Waste and Recycling
- 12. Economic Development Funding Officer and Finance
- 13. Finance and Governance
- 14. People & Culture, WHS, Governance Risk and HR
- 15. Planning and Environment
- 16. Building Inspection & Building health
- 17. Assets
- **18. WASS**
- 19. Property & Facilities
- 20. Design & Development
- 21. Community & Connections, Aging, Disability & Childcare

The first stakeholder briefing session was undertaken on Thursday 18th of June 2020 over Zoom from 3-4pm with the aim of fleshing out the needs and desires of every specific user and department in the building. The below images are a Capture of the feedback received within the session.









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### **General comments**

- Wet Lab on level 1. POtential for Wet Lab to be in a dedicated lab.
- 152 people in space
- 52 from social distancing
- too many people crammed into small spaces
- used to have first aid room/ sick bay/ feeding room
- sunshading is not great on northern face
- bca / dda issues throughout
- Zingel place civic public interfacing hub
- -IT Could be offsite
- private and sensitive conversations private meeting rooms with customers (bushfires)
- front reception anything is better than now
- forecourt important
- colour freshness and contemporary feel of building frontage
- -All Customer facing services in the same building/ zingel pl
- current meeting rooms are dated and negative reflection to the community
- Lead by example embed sustainable design principles into the design.
- carparking insufficient, non compliant stairs
- accessible parking
- Resources could be shared better (projectors/banners)
- strong room
- better storage
- foyer space nice area for a chat
- council building should be hub for outdoor staff and rec staff
- feeling part of the organisation even if you are not based there.

Flat, tired, worn out

**Briefing Session Feedback** 

The second stakeholder briefing session was undertaken on Tuesday 7th of July 2020 over Zoom from 3-4pm this session presented two options for consideration. It was collectively decided that Option 01 would be developed further. Feedback was also collated and taken into consideration.

The third and final stakeholder briefing session was undertaken on Monday 7th of July 2020 over Zoom from 3-4pm this session presented a refined option 01 and showed the staff the look and feel of the space. The collective feedback was generally positive and this scheme was endorsed.

The following pages show the presentations from each session along with the collated feedback and design revisions.



### C. Specialist Consultant Inputs

### Mechanical Consultant

A mechanical report prepared by Acor Rudds Consultants and issued on 1st October 2020 details several steps required to ensure the building is operating at optimal levels in terms of cost, efficiency and current environmental standards. The report details two options in relation to the system;

- The first being a continuation of maintenance of the exiting system that will have lower initial outputs but drive higher maintenance and energy costs.
- The second being an upgrade to the entire system that will bring the system up to current BCA, AS and WHS requirements, reduce maintenance and energy usage but has a large initial outlay of approximately \$850,000 plus GST.

It was determined that for the purpose of the cost plan the second option would move forward. Acor Rudds report can be found in the appendix section of this report.

### **BCA Consultant**

A BCA Compliance Assessment report prepared by Complete Certification details several steps required to be implementation to ensure we meet the provisions of the BCA for the Admin Building. This includes fire separation measures that take into account the new development of the BVRG. This report can be found in the appendix of this report.

### **Access Consultant**

ABE Access consultants have been engaged to provide access advice on the design proposal which include a preference for dedicated internal vertical transport systems. A mark up of their design can be found in the appendix and their final report will be submitted shortly.

### **Structural Consultant**

A structural assessment was undertaken by Geoff Metzler & Associates to determine the structural implications of introducing voids into the level O1 slab. The report and associated costs for this can be found in the appendix of this document.

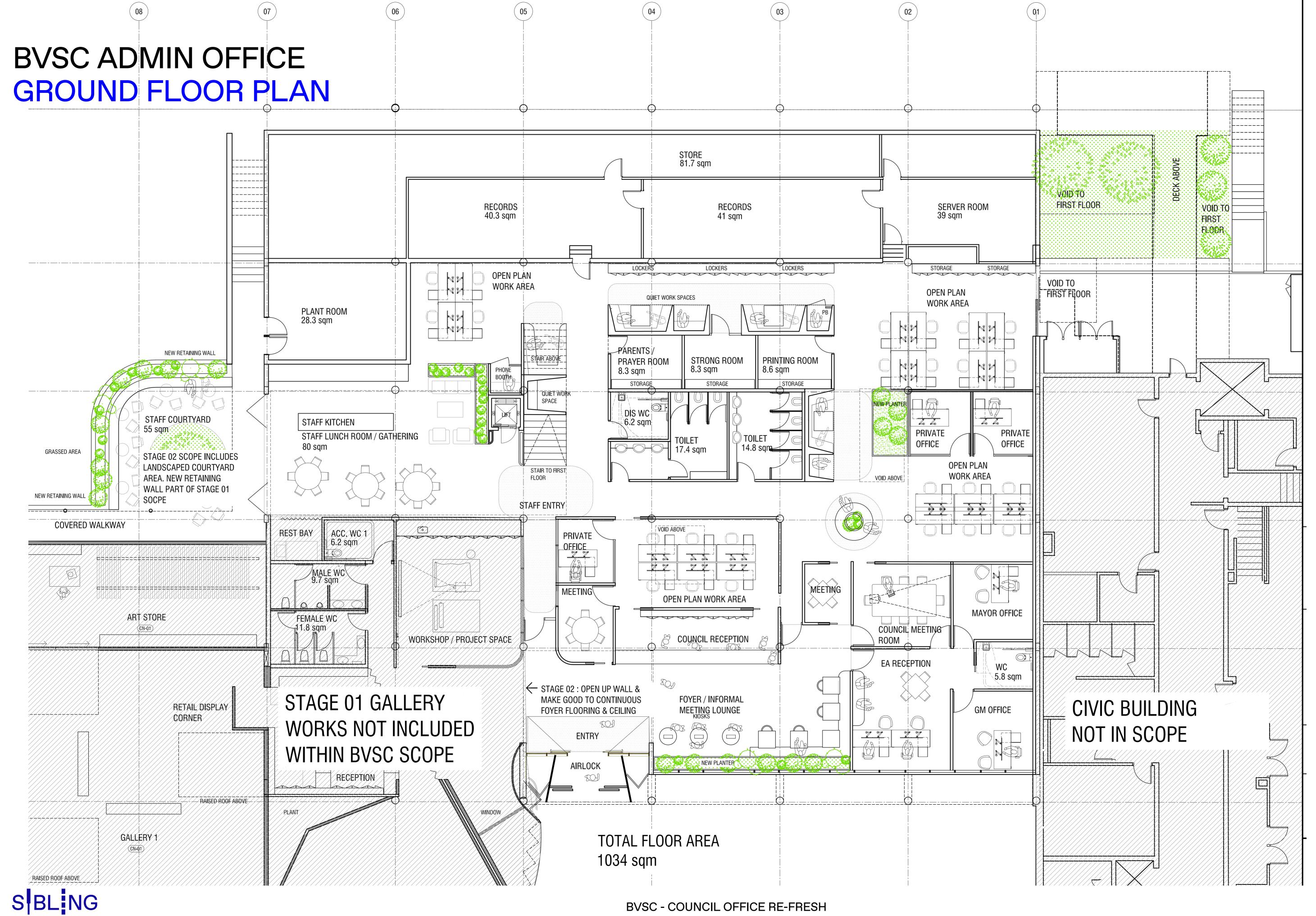
### **Quantity Surveyor**

A concept design cost plan has been included and was prepared by Rider Levett Bucknall, the full report can be found in the appendix section of this document. The cost plan returned a total project cost of \$8.7M and a construction budget of \$6.3M.



### 2.0 PROPOSED BVSC CONCEPT DESIGN







### SHARED ENTRY FROM ZINGEL PLACE



### SHARED ENTRY LOOKING TOWARDS BVSC RECEPTION



# BVSC RECEPTION LOOKING TOWARDS GALLERY





### STAFF ROOM LOOKING TOWARDS STAFF COURTYARD



# STAFF ROOM LOOKING TOWARDS STAIR AND LIFT





### NEW ENTRANCE TO OFFICE BUILDING AND CIVIC CENTRE



### TYPICAL OFFICE SPACES SOUTHERN SIDE



### TYPICAL OFFICE SPACES NORTHERN SIDE



### TYPICAL OFFICE SPACES



### 3.0 CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

At the conclusion of all stages the detailed costing has returned a total project cost of \$8.7M and a construction cost of \$6.3M. This figure includes contingencies and consultant fees for services. Given this amount is currently beyond the funds available through council's capital works budget it is recommended that council uses a combination of the following revenue streams to produce and adopt an appropriate funding strategy for the project:

- 1 BVSC Capital Works Budget
- 2 State Government Funding Avenues
- 3 Federal Government Regional Growth Funds
- 4 Community Fund Raising Initiatives

### Time-frames:

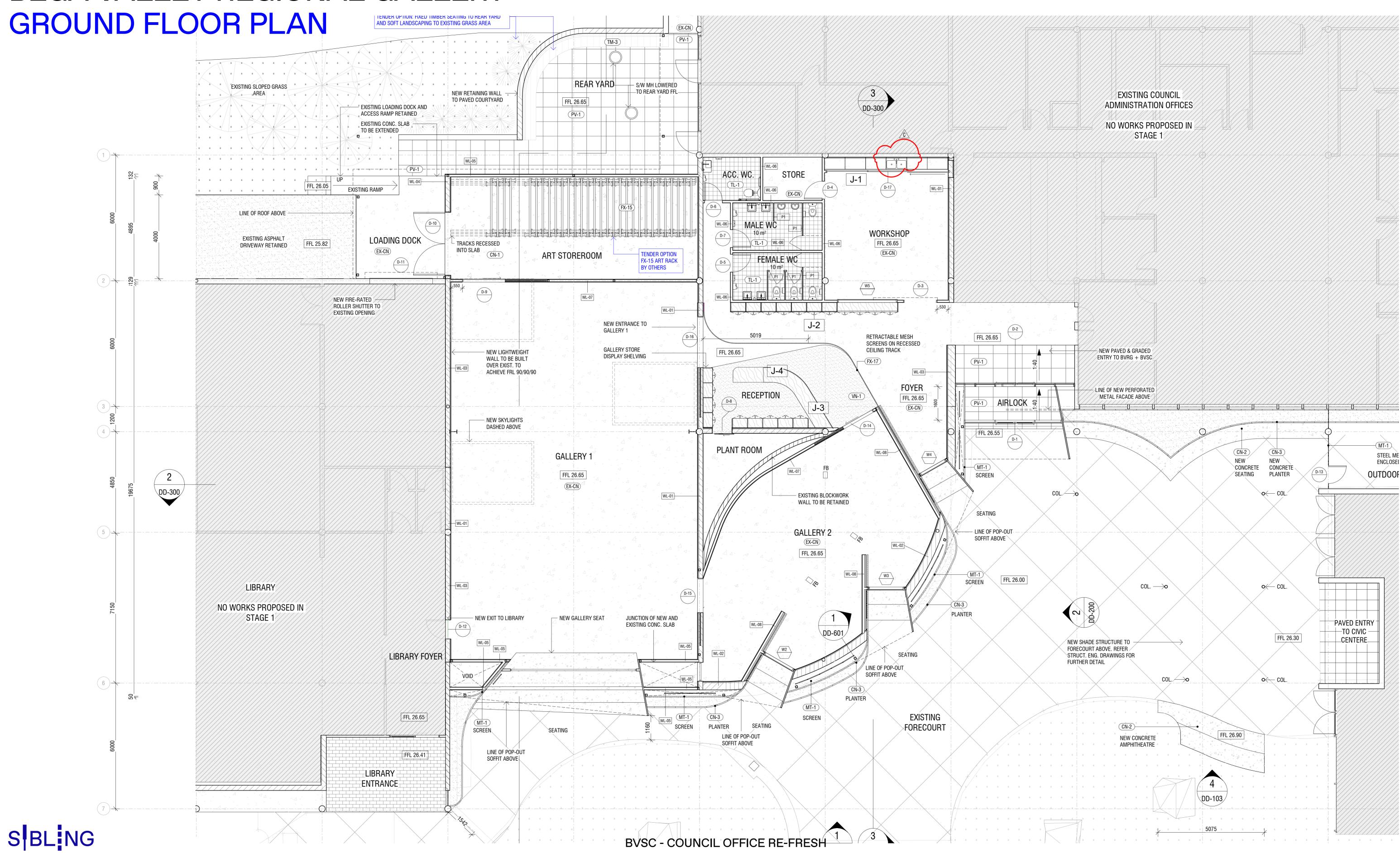
There is enthusiasm within the executive and staff cohort to proceed with the project and it is recommended that council begin implementing funding strategies to ensure that the front facing and public aspect of council is at a standard in line with current day expectations and for the overall wellbeing of staff working within the building.



### 4.0 PROPOSED BEGA VALLEY REGIONAL GALLERY



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