

**NICK CAVE STATUE COMMITTEE.**



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Acting C.E.O. and Shire Councillors,  
Yarriambiack Shire,  
Lyle Street, Warracknabeal.

Dear Tammy and Shire Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the Nick Cave Statue Committee. This Committee has existed for some years now with the aim of erecting a statue of Nick Cave in Warracknabeal as an acknowledgment of his birth place. The purpose of this letter is to just keep the Council abreast of the status of the statue project.

Nick is an acclaimed international artist in music, sculpture, film scripts etc and has millions of fans worldwide. Already our modest information corner in the Tourist Information Centre along with his life size cut out, has attracted the interest of many fans who visit Warracknabeal. ((sometimes just to view his birth place.) Merchandise is regularly sold.

As the 'Art Silo Trail' gradually loses its uniqueness, another attraction to Warracknabeal would be a 'Winner' from an economic perspective, attracting regular visitors to the town with the only handicap being sufficient accommodation.

Our Committee has worked on a submission which is almost 'shovel ready' having done the research on the regional sourcing of materials and casting for the statue.

The only limitation at present for grant applications is that the Sculptor, Corin Johnson is British and as the statue design belongs to him, he is keen to execute it himself. Most government grants exclude overseas artists involvement. (The recent British/Australia Free Trade Agreement may assist?)


The planned siting for the statue is the Courthouse which is being marketed as an Arts Precinct. Corin, who has excellent credentials, is prepared to work on the statue in Warracknabeal. The

challenge therefore is to find another source of funding for the artist as distinct from the overall project. ( Some have suggested a philanthropic fund with a fan as its benefactor??)

Hopefully this will bring the current Council up to date with the project and give rise to consideration of the merits of the project for the entire town of Warracknabeal. Public art has proved its value to all sectors of the community through the 'Art Silo Trail' and the Nick Cave Statue has immense tourist potential. We hope that the Council keep the 'Nick Cave Statue Project' as a high priority when discussing budgets and grant submissions as we have become aware that most major grants require Council affirmation.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J'.

Jenny Taylor.

(Secretary, Nick Cave Statue Committee)