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Mr Mark Arnold
General Manager
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Dear Mark,

Social Futures has had a primary focus over the last few months in engaging with key stakeholders in the Byron Shire to inform our approach to managing the redeveloped Old Byron Hospital site at 10-12 Shirley St, Byron Bay.

We have prioritised building a working relationship with the Arakwal Corporation to ensure their guidance will incorporate cultural heritage considerations into the site usage, operating procedures and elements of site design and fit out that are not limited by the Development Application requirements.

Social Futures has a dedicated position for a representative from the Arakwal Corporation on the Community Advisory Group for the site and are planning to meet with the Board as soon as possible. To date this has been limited by COVID restrictions.

We recognise the Arakwal traditional owners hold knowledge of place and Country that goes much deeper than the concrete of the building. We are hoping to implement an engagement process and, should they choose to share, inclusion of interpretative signage around the facility to educate on the connection and spirit of the land.

If you require further information about our engagement with the Arakwal Corporation and the incorporation of cultural heritage into the project, please contact our project manager Sam Henderson.

Yours Sincerely,

Tony Davies
CEO



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we live and work and their continuing connection to land, water, sea and community. We pay respects to Australia's First Peoples, to their unique and diverse cultures, and to Elders past, present and future.

