

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Organisation: Border Flywheelers Club Inc

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The Border Flywheelers Club collects, restores and exhibits historical farm machinery, engines and other artefacts which have been used by the surrounding farming community. The club is housed in the old Jamieson Brick Works in Barham NSW which incorporates the 2 original brick kilns which were built in 1903, as well as being the Barap Barap Aboriginal Keeping Place for our local area.

The number 1 brick kiln in the brickworks was built in 1903 to fire bricks for use in local buildings in Barham and surrounding areas. The kiln is now used to display the memorabilia of the kiln from the early days, including the original timber moulds which were used for building the kiln and associated flues and chimneys. When the kiln was built it was sealed over the roof with mud, which the heat from the kiln kept dry and waterproof. Now days the kiln is not fired so the mud roof has failed causing deterioration of the whole structure. In order to keep this kiln in safe condition for visitors to learn how bricks were made 100 years ago, we are proposing to build a steel roof over the original mud roof to stop water ingress and improve the existing drainage by laying concrete pavers adjacent to the kiln.

The Border Flywheelers Club delivers tremendous social benefits as it gives the opportunity for like minded members to come together to get away from other pressures of life to discuss their problems and solve issues, all while doing something they love, which they don't have the opportunity to do at home.

As custodians of the brick kiln and the associated brick making equipment, club members believe there is an urgent need to replace the mud seal roof with a corrugated iron roof to stop further deterioration of the structure, which will preserve it for many years to come.

Major projects like this are outside of the reach of the club funds, so funding through Government grants is essential for small clubs such as ours, to be able to preserve this and other history of the area for generations to come.