

DEMOCRACY - BURRINJA

Reporting the Community Meeting to save the Sherbrook Shire Offices - to become a Cultural Centre for the region

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Disappointing demonstration: UNOH secretary Carolyn Lomas and husband Bob erected a string and toilet-paper fence last Friday to protest against the Yarra Ranges council's rezoning of the Upwey shire offices. Picture: 716mk329 MICHELLE KELCEY.

Protest 'successful'

A DISAPPOINTING turnout didn't deter three members of the United Neighbourhood Organisation of the Hills from demonstrating at the Upwey Shire Offices last Friday.

UNOH secretary Carolyn Lomas said the area that would be sold was fenced off with string and toilet paper to show passers by how much land would be lost to private ownership.

"A lot of people don't realise how much land is going to be lost," she said.

But, according to Mrs Lomas, the small turnout did not indicate a lack of support for the UNOH.

"Despite a poor turnout, we think it was quite successful," she said.

"A lot of people called me and said they would have liked to have come but couldn't because of other commitments.

"Hopefully by doing this (demonstration) we will be able to get UNOH's point across to the residents who are a little confused on the issue."

UNOH will hold a public meeting at the Upwey Community Centre tomorrow night to discuss growing concerns about the rezoning of the land and its sale to Belgrave-based US Bus Lines.