



## **Mechanics Institute renewal works**

**Proposed SCF allocation: \$250,000**

### **Background**

The building is a feature in the main street of Harden township and has heritage significance for its social, historical, cultural and architectural values. It is a strong and elegant example of the architecture of the Edwardian Arts and Crafts movement and represents the earlier strength and prosperity of Harden. It has long been a place of community gathering and remains the venue for key community events and activities that bring the residents of Harden-Murrumburrah together. The local sub branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia (NSW Branch) also has a permanent presence in the building.

Improvements to date have been focussed on making it more usable for the community and have included a renovation of the kitchen, provision of a disabled access ramp and disabled/parent toilet, provision of new chairs/tables and a street façade repaint.

The building's age and state of repair require further works to ensure the continuation of its use by the community.

### **Scope**

The scope of work to undertaken will include improvements to prevent future pest and moisture damage, internal aesthetic improvements and potentially heating/cooling improvements.

All works will be carried out in consultation with Council's Heritage Advisor and will aim to ensure the longevity and integrity of the building and its key place in the functioning of Harden township.

### **Project Snapshot**

