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Green light for Lismore Regional Art Gallery

The independent Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) has approved an application to re-develop the former two storey Lismore High School 'C Block' into an art gallery.

The Lismore Regional Art Gallery will have several gallery spaces, office spaces, meeting rooms, a bookshop and café, areas for events, functions and workshops and an outdoor quadrangle that connects to the Northern Rivers Conservatorium and the Lismore Library.

The panel Chair, Garry West said the decision was made after hearing community and stakeholder submissions.

The proposal was publicly exhibited for a month in May this year and three submissions were received, with issues related to traffic, parking and disabled parking.

Traffic will not be negatively impacted and parking will be available on site, including after-hours parking for evenings and weekend art gallery events.

"This art gallery will help to revitalise Lismore's CBD by transforming a disused site into a community space for residents and tourists to enjoy.

"This gallery will form a fundamental part of the Lismore Quadrangle. A key space in the Northern Rivers that represents the creative industries and culture of the area.

The JRPP has approved the application, subject to conditions.

More information on the regional panels can be found at www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au

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