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Approval for redevelopment of Albury Regional Art Gallery

The Southern Joint Regional Planning Panel has approved a proposed redevelopment of the Albury Regional Art Gallery, Dean Street, Albury.

Ms Pam Allan, Chair of the Southern regional panel, said, “The proposed redevelopment of the Albury Regional Art Gallery will result in a contemporary gallery of national standing, giving significant economic and cultural benefits to the region.

“A redeveloped gallery will enhance existing cultural and educational facilities used by the local community and visitors to the area.

“A redeveloped gallery will attract new visitors to the region and will stimulate new investment in the region, particularly in the tourism sector.

“The panel supports Albury City Council’s initiatives to identify a site in the Albury CBD for the relocation of the Retro Youth Café which is operating on the site of the proposed redevelopment.

“A mandatory condition for the development is that the existing bus stop shall not be removed until a new location is agreed upon and facilities are provided in that location.

“The panel made a number of changes to the conditions for the development which strengthen the heritage conditions of the site.

The development application proposes the redevelopment and consolidation of the art gallery. The work will involve the demolition of the rear portion of the existing building and the demolition and refurbishment of the interiors of the existing gallery, which is the former Town Hall building, and the 1920s addition to historic Burrow House.

The development application was referred to the regional panels because the proposed development has a total capital investment value of more than $5 million and Council is the applicant and therefore has a potential conflict of interest.

More information on the regional panels is at www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au

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