



## KYOGLE COUNCIL

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Work on the new Kyogle museum is expected to start soon after Kyogle Council on Monday night awarded a tender worth more than \$540,000 for the construction of the long-awaited facility.

Queensland-based company M&K Construction Group will build the new 340-square metre museum on land adjoining the Kyogle library in the town's CBD.

It will resemble an old time country hall and will incorporate historically significant features recovered from old buildings in the town including leadlight glass panels from former shop fronts.

The new museum will be built as part of a Public Private Partnership between the Council and the Kyogle and District Historical Society.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said the fact that the museum was another step closer to reality was great news for the community.

"Council and the historical society have been working for a long time to have this museum built, and now we are almost there." she said.

"It's an incredible success story which has involved all three tiers of government and the community."

"This is a great example of how partnerships between council and the community can achieve real results."

State Member for Lismore Thomas George secured \$60,000 through a Community Building Partnership Grant for the museum, Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan provided \$16,480 through a Stronger Communities Grant, three private benefactors chipped in \$120,000, and the historical society has contributed over \$150,000.

Kyogle Council, which has provided the land for the museum, will contribute a further \$168,820 towards the project. However, it hopes to recoup some of those funds through further grants.

Kyogle and District Historical Society president Mr Doug Campbell was delighted with Council's decision.

"It's taken nine years to get to this point and to say we're thrilled would be an understatement," he said.

"The new museum is going to be an incredible resource which we believe will benefit the entire community and it's wonderful that we have been able to work with Council to achieve it.

"As well as preserving our local history, the museum will provide educational and research facilities and act as a tourist attraction."

"On behalf of all the members of the society I extend a warm thanks to the Councillors and the General Manager for making this possible."

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