

Kyogle Memorial Institute is the cultural hub of Kyogle community

The latest improvements to the Kyogle Memorial Institute (KMI) have cemented the hall's standing as the cultural hub of the Kyogle community, Kyogle Mayor Kylie Webster said.

The work completed earlier this month includes new cinema-style seating in the gallery overlooking the stage, movable stackable chairs for the hall, a mechanical winch system for new lighting bars over the stage and audience; acoustic improvements (centre-fill speaker arrangement; ceiling hung acoustic panels, curtains that hang on the walls); new stage curtains and scrim; and shelving.

Cr Webster said Council had also repaired a large area of the roof, built a new steel support structure over the stage to hold the new curtains and lights, and repaired a section of the gallery which had been damaged by a water leak.

This latest project follows previous work to upgrade the Banquet Room and kitchen, and create the Roxy Gallery space.

“Council has been progressively upgrading the KMI to ensure this wonderful building is safe, comfortable, and able to meet the needs of the community for years to come,” Cr Webster said.

The recently completed work, part funded by a Federal Government Creative Capital Grant, has received a tick of approval from the Village Hall Players.

“We are thrilled,” a spokesperson for the theatre group said.

“As well as the big ticket items, there were small thoughtful things like reading lights for the Stage Manager and off-prompt positions.

“Thank you, Kyogle Council, for making our hall so much better for cast, crew and audiences alike.”

Caption: The Village Hall Players (VHP) take a curtain call for their latest production 37 Postcards which was staged in the refurbished Kyogle Memorial Institute (KMI) Hall. The VHP have given the improvements a tick of approval saying the hall is much more comfortable for cast, crew and audiences alike. Photo credit: Jasmine Phillips.

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