

CWA Building Upgrade and Restoration

Country Woman's Association of NSW - Tumut and Surrounds

Snowy Valleys

Funding requested: \$225,000

Summary: The Tumut CWA branch seeks to revitalise a disused building on Wynyard Street, formerly used as a baby and women's health clinic but unused since 2016. While the main hall remains functional due to regular hire and maintenance, the clinic rooms are in disrepair. Broken asbestos floor tiles, damaged brickwork from removed fixtures, and inaccessible bathrooms render the space unusable. The existing disability ramp, built in 1982, also requires upgrading to meet current Building Code of Australia standards.

The CWA proposes to restore and repurpose the front section of the building into a volunteer-run craft shop. This space will include accessible bathroom facilities and operate one day per week, selling baked goods, CWA merchandise, and locally made crafts and artworks. All profits will be reinvested into maintaining the facility and funding local welfare programs and community projects, particularly those supporting women.

This upgrade will not only preserve a valuable community asset but also create a sustainable income stream for the branch. It will provide a welcoming, inclusive space that fosters local creativity, volunteerism, and social connection—while supporting the CWA's long-standing mission of service to the community.

Community value: The Tumut CWA is seeking funding to upgrade its facilities and expand its capacity to deliver inclusive, low-cost training programs for women and the broader community. The project addresses key challenges such as social isolation, limited access to services, and financial barriers by offering skill-based workshops in areas like sewing, cooking, and craft—delivered by local businesses and supported by volunteers. To support this, the CWA will refurbish a disused clinic space into a compliant, accessible community hub and craft shop. The \$210,000 upgrade includes asbestos removal, disability access improvements, and modernisation of outdated fixtures, with the CWA contributing \$50,000. The craft shop will operate weekly, generating sustainable income to fund future programs. An additional \$15,000 is sought for workshop delivery and equipment. Programs will begin in early 2026, with the upgraded space ready by year's end.



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