

Bookham Hall - Community Hub

Bookham War Memorial Hall Association

Yass Valley Council

Funding requested: \$96,296

Summary: The Bookham Hall – Our Community Hub project aims to transform Bookham War Memorial Hall into a self-sustaining, multifunctional venue that attracts both local and external users. The initiative focuses on short-term upgrades to improve the hall’s usability and long-term planning for future enhancements. Immediate goals include installing acoustic panels and audio-visual equipment (projectors, screens, internet access) to support meetings, training, and events. Additionally, the project will engage a designer to develop plans for upgrading the kitchen and toilets to commercial standards. A community event will be held at the end of the grant period to showcase improvements and foster reconnection. The overarching goal is to reduce reliance on volunteer fundraising and make the hall financially viable through increased hire income and broader community use.

Community value: This project addresses several HumeLink priority areas, notably community connection, local education and skills development, local industry development and social legacy initiatives. By improving acoustics and AV capabilities, the hall will become a more attractive venue for training, meetings and emergency services. The upgrades will help reconnect a community fractured by COVID isolation and local infrastructure disputes, offering a welcoming space for events and gatherings. The project also supports local contractors and aims to increase hall hire income, ensuring long-term sustainability. A final community celebration will showcase the improvements and promote future use.



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