

# 5 Ways Studio Renovations - Stage 1

## Tumut Art Society

Snowy Valleys

Funding requested: \$228,560

**Summary:** The 5 Ways Studio and Gallery Renovation project proposes essential upgrades to improve the Tumut Art Society's facility. The works include replacing the outdated kitchen and toilet areas - currently non-compliant with accessibility standards - upgrading the studio washout space, and levelling and recovering the ageing floor to eliminate trip hazards. The project also includes repainting the deteriorating exterior and installing solar panels to reduce energy costs and support long-term financial sustainability. The building, made up of two 70-year-old Snowy Hydro demountables and a 1990s extension, has been maintained through volunteer efforts for decades. However, it can no longer meet modern safety and accessibility standards through patchwork repairs alone. These renovations will ensure the studio remains a safe, inclusive and functional space for creative workshops, exhibitions and community engagement.

**Community value:** The project will deliver long-term community benefits by transforming an ageing facility into a safe, accessible and sustainable creative space. Upgrades will improve functionality and safety, particularly for older adults and individuals with mobility needs. The installation of solar panels and a battery system will reduce operational costs and environmental impact, supporting the long-term sustainability of the Tumut Art Society. These improvements will ensure the studio remains a professionally presented, inclusive venue for workshops, exhibitions, and masterclasses, attracting artists and visitors from across the region.



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