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Council accepts Tender for Crago Mill Precinct

Council has voted to accept a tender for the development of the Crago Mill Precinct.

The Precinct is a significant infrastructure project for Yass as it will include a number of community facilities.

The Crago Mill Precinct will include:

- The restoration of the Crago Mill building
- A library with an updated children's area and study centre
- Commercial space for long-term tenants available for community hire
- The Council administration building and Council Chambers
- A green plaza area

Council in September voted to reject the tenders offered and entered into new negotiations.

Following further negotiations the construction company David Payne Constructions Pty Ltd was successful in gaining the tender.

Mayor Allan McGrath says the project is a historic development for Yass.

"Crago Mill is an important project for Yass, particularly as it includes community facilities such as the restoration of the Crago Mill building, the new Yass Library and commercial spaces available for community hire."

"In developing this project we are thinking about the needs of the community in future decades as Yass continues to grow and succeed."

Chief Executive Officer Chris Berry says the Council is pleased that the project will move forward.

"We are excited to see this project developing, particularly to see the new library built for the community.

"We recently undertook a public survey to hear more about what the community would like in its new library and we will use this feedback as we develop this new facility."

The next stage of the project will involve finalising designs for the new precinct. Construction on the project will then commence.

Council has applied for \$11.5 million dollars in grant funding through the Federal Government's Growing Regions Program towards the Crago Mill Precinct Project. Council was recently advised that it has successfully reached stage two of the grant funding process.

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