

## Mill Gallery Expansion

**Project Description:** The project involves construction of a new building and courtyard as an extension to the existing Council-owned *Mill Gallery* facility in the Yeppoon Town Centre. The facility is currently leased to a local arts collective as an art gallery.

**Reasons for Project:** The purpose of the project is to:

- (i) address a long identified community need to upgrade and expand facilities to support local artists and the display of local and touring artworks; and
- (ii) enhance the region's attraction to visitors by creating a modern facility which visitors expect to encounter in a premium tourist community, while also delivering an obvious arts presence to the local community

**Benefits of Project:** The new space will enable the accommodation of other community fine arts collectives and individual artists and will improve the experiential quality of this space for all users.

This will enhance the Capricorn Coast artist community, contribute to local liveability and the appeal of the region as a tourist destination and provide a boost to the local economy.

**Estimated Total Cost:** \$500,000

**Commencement Date:** August 2019

**Duration of Project:** Twelve (12) months

**Contact Officer:** Stuart Doak, Manager Infrastructure Projects

**Public Consultation:** Consultation with the Capricorn Coast art groups, Council Website, Council Facebook page, media publicity

**Potential Interruptions:** The new gallery building area will be closed to the public during construction. Motorists in the vicinity of the gallery should take caution and be aware of deliveries to the site during construction.

Every effort will be made to retain the remaining facilities open and accessible during this period.