

Masterplan Summary



Catalysts for Change

- Venue was opened in 1982 and is almost 40 years old – ready for some timely enhancements to make it fit for purpose for the next 40 years
- The building lacks ancillary performance space, community art making space and digital recording studio space; in short, its facilities no longer meet community expectations
- The Civic Centre is a shared space with the City of Mount Gambier and the entry point has no street frontage; building lacks integration with the adjacent and soon to be refurbished Varcoe Foundry

Vision and Opportunities

- Better satisfy community desire for art making space, rehearsal space, a more flexible performance venue and music recording facilities. There is a wish to make Mount Gambier a central arts hub for the region
- Enhanced entry points to venue - both civic/ community square and Ferrers Street

Major Improvements/ Additions Recommended

- New 400-seat black box performance/function space, community art making space and music recording studio
- Reconfigured courtyard entry and main foyer; new Ferrers Street entry; integration with Varcoe Foundry
- Enhanced green room, staff offices, backstage spaces and outdoor plaza areas

Cost of Improvements

- Total probable project cost: \$35 million
- Project can be staged if required