

Strategic Focus Area: Engage. Create Unite.

There are two eligible projects in this area.

Strathbogie Memorial Hall stage upgrade

Cost: \$50,000

Problem and opportunity: With the works about to begin on a replacement roof in March, the hall committee are keen to get the hall back to its former glory to better service the community. We feel the stage area has become somewhat tired over the last decade and needs an upgrade.

The stage curtains need cleaning and some minor repairs. Install a rigging system towards the front of the stage for hanging items. The stage piano could be tuned so it can be used again.

How does it affect or impact the community? Upgrading the stage would make it easier to use and hire. We are hoping that by advertising all the upgrades that the facility will get used more often for events in Strathbogie. Improved facilities will give us a greater opportunity to engage and serve our community.

What is your idea and what difference would it make? The stage curtains were made by Shirley Dash, a resident of Strathbogie, back when the Hall opened. We would love to preserve them, making sure that they can be used for many more years. Given the height involved we wish for this to be done by a professional curtain cleaner.

Stage rigging can be used for multiple purposes making it easier for setting up for bands, exhibitions, or movie nights. Given that heavy items will be hanging above performers heads this would need to be engineer approved. We would also request for ceiling power points be installed nearby with a dedicated circuit.

The piano was donated to the Hall many years ago. It has not been used for a while, is now out of tune and taking up stage space.

Further information: It would be great to have this upgrade installed before the Melbourne Cup weekend 2023 when the hall is booked for a bush dance.