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Celebrating the installation of a lift in Geeveston Town Hall

Members of the Geeveston Town Hall Controlling Authority, community volunteers and Huon Valley Council staff came together yesterday to celebrate the completion of the much-anticipated lift.

Mayor Bec Enders said the lift is a project the community has wanted for many years.

“Making places accessible is vital for the health and wellbeing of our communities. It is very important that people with mobility impairments are considered equally.

“Around one in five Australians experience disability and so councils need to be doing all they can to create inclusive communities.

“The lift at the Geeveston Town Hall gives the opportunity for everyone to enjoy the many wonderful events that are held on the second floor of the Town Hall such as exhibitions and social events.

“For exhibitioners, artists, caterers, volunteers and users of the Hall upstairs, this means access for all of their equipment and work can now be moved safely via the lift, making the Hall as a hire venue much more attractive beyond those living and working in the Huon Valley.”

Mayor Enders said the Geeveston Town Hall has a wonderful heritage value and a very colourful history.

Council advocated in its 2019 Federal Election Strategy for lifts to be installed in both the Geeveston and Cygnet Town Halls.

“We identified the Geeveston Town Hall lift as one of 13 projects that would benefit the community and received funding through the Australian Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.”

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The construction has started on the lift in the Cygnet Town Hall. It is expected to be completed in March 2022.

History Snapshot

The first Geeveston Town Hall was officially opened on 26 February 1915 by the State Premier at the time, the Hon. John Earle. It was hoped it would be a venue for social entertainment to help alleviate the monotony of country life especially for young people.

Hundreds of people came to celebrate its opening as it was known as a very fine building.

On the afternoon of 21 November in 1936 a destructive fire engulfed the town hall. All that was left was a heap of ruins.

The people of Geeveston were determined that the hall be rebuilt and almost 12 months after the fire a new building was officially opened on 5 November 1937.

Mayor Enders said the determination of the Geeveston community has continued over the decades, resulting in a vast array of community-led projects that have benefited residents and visitors to the area.

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