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EARLY FINISH FOR INVERELL COURT UPGRADE

The NSW Attorney General, Greg Smith SC, today announced the completion of a \$90,000 facelift of Inverell Courthouse.

“The courthouse upgrade was completed this week, ahead of schedule, and included additional improvements that were not part of the original scope of the project,” Mr Smith said.

Improvements to the courthouse include:

- full refurbishment of toilet facilities;
- repairs to timber steps in the courtroom;
- repainting of part of the courtroom;
- repairing and strengthening of timber floors;
- replacement of the external drainage system; and
- rectification work in areas where leaking had occurred.

While the initial plan was confined to a \$50,000 repair of the court’s public amenities, the NSW Government allocated an additional \$40,000 for other important maintenance work.

“The Inverell Courthouse is 125 years old and it was showing signs of wear and tear,” Mr Smith said.

“The improvements will help ensure that the courthouse remains a centre of law and justice as well as an important landmark in the town’s civic precinct.”

The Inverell Courthouse was among the 130 courthouses designed by celebrated colonial architect James Barnet. The building is heritage listed and recognised by the Office of Environment and Heritage as “an impressive example of Victorian Italianate architecture”.