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\$75,000 FACELIFT FOR PICTON COURT

The heritage-listed Picton Courthouse is receiving a \$75,000 makeover, the NSW Attorney General, Greg Smith SC, announced today.

“Picton Courthouse is one of the oldest justice buildings in NSW to still be functioning and significant repairs are necessary to ensure that it can continue to operate,” Mr Smith said.

The first stage of the refurbishment has been completed, with painting and crack repairs carried out in the courtroom and staff amenities area.

The courthouse will be closed from 2nd to 6th July 2012, while major structural cracks are repaired in the registry and magistrate’s chambers. Both sections will also be repainted.

“Picton’s caseload will be redirected to Moss Vale Courthouse during the short period of closure,” Mr Smith said.

All repairs will be completed before the next Local Court sitting at Picton on 23 July 2012.

The Victorian-style Picton Courthouse opened in 1865, after being built at a cost of £1500. It was among 130 courts designed by the Colonial Architect James Barnet. The court’s stone foundations came from the old Picton jail, which was demolished in 1863 after it was flooded in 1860.

“The Picton Courthouse has a rich history and the NSW Government is ensuring that it also has a future,” Mr Smith said.

Around 650 cases are lodged in Picton Courthouse each year.