

# Millthorpe Newsagency and Store

*An iconic corner store in an historic Central West township regains its verandahs*

Project	Works
Type of work	Physical conservation
Funding	\$50,000
Project cost	\$114,420
Heritage listing	LEP state significant heritage item
Local government area	Blayney
Applicant	Private owners

**Project aim** To reconstruct the two storey verandah on the newsagency and store within the historic township of Millthorpe

**Funding focus** This program targets state significant heritage items requiring basic maintenance and conservation works including upgrades for fire, security and safety access

*“Reinstating the verandah has not only improved the aesthetic appeal of Millthorpe’s main street but has encouraged other conservation works throughout the township,” quote from David Scobie, Heritage Advisor to Blayney Shire Council*



*Millthorpe Newsagency before the verandah reconstruction*



*...and after the verandah reconstruction*

When going through historic documents and photos of the Millthorpe Newsagency and General Store, the owners discovered that their turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century building, like most that had been established on Millthorpe’s main street, featured wooden verandahs.

However previous owners had removed the verandahs during the 1960s as a safety precaution and replaced them with a tin awning.

With the support of Blayney Council and funding from the Heritage Office the owners decided to reinstate the two storey timber verandahs calling on local suppliers and tradespeople to complete the work. Business continued as usual in the popular store while the

10 month restoration project got underway.

Authentic materials, heritage colours and design were a priority to ensure that the reinstated verandahs replicated the original as closely as possible.

With the Millthorpe Newsagency and Store restored to its former glory, it now compliments other buildings in the main street and has given energy to other conservation projects in the local community.

With thanks to the owners

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Builder: Glen Mortimer

Draftsperson: Mark Smith

Joinery: Phil Lambert

Electrical: Oz Electrical

Painting: Tony Kearney

Plumbing: Ben Kay

Blayney Shire Council's Heritage Advisor: David Scobie, David Scobie Architects Pty Ltd