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University think tank to tackle railway project

Architecture students from a major university will help redesign Canowindra's railway precinct later this year.

A meeting was held between members of the Canowindra Business Chamber, UNSW faculty and other stakeholders last week.

President of the Canowindra Business Chamber David Cullane said the project will be a mutually beneficial exercise.

"A lot of people are interested in seeing the railway precinct upgraded and tidied up," he said.

"It won't only help us but it will also assist the students in some real life experience."

A group of students from the University of New South Wales will travel to Canowindra after Easter to work on the project.

The project was organised by local architect Dylan Gower when he pitched the idea to UNSW last year.

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Stakeholders in the Canowindra railway precinct architecture redevelopment project meet. Photo Federation Fotos Canowindra



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Program director at UNSW, associate professor Linda Corkery said her students would benefit massively from the experience.

“It’s going to be terrific,” she said.

“In the first half of the semester, students will be getting familiar with the issues surrounding regional towns in NSW and the planning issues they face.

“Then they will zero in on the issues in Canowindra and how to apply their solutions to the town.”

There will be a mix of students from different fields applying their expertise to the town, from urban architects, landscape architects, planners and others.

Ms Corkery said the project was going to be particularly challenging for students that were not familiar with rural and regional Australia.

“Probably a third of the students in the class are international students,” she said.

“It’s a combination of factors that they’re going to have to get their heads around.

“Not just urban design, but really understanding the social and economic issues that are facing Canowindra.”