



The former Canberra Times offices in Fyshwick are set for a new look, an artist's impression shows. Picture supplied

New look for former Canberra Times offices

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PARTS of the former *Canberra Times* offices in Fyshwick will be retained and refurbished, under plans released by the new owners of the site.

Sydney-based developers Norman Property Partners and Trumen have submitted a development application seeking approval for a multi-building, self-storage facility to be managed by Wilsons.

The developers purchased the site from ACM, the publisher of this masthead, for \$19.8 million in 2022. More than 1000 storage

units would be built across several buildings.

The plans include retaining and refurbishing the original two-storey office block that was constructed on the corner of Pirie and Newcastle streets in 1987.

A new single-storey building is proposed to be built into it. Another existing four-storey building would be refurbished, with a new four-storey building to adjoin it.

Four new, single-storey buildings would also be built on the site, the plans show.

Trumen founder and CEO Sam Allen said it would be the first Wilsons storage



New buildings are also proposed. Picture supplied

facility in Canberra.

"There's certainly a demand for it ... our research shows that," he said.

"Obviously Fyshwick is

such a prime location and such a central location, so we think it'll perform well."

A separate development application is currently

under assessment for the partial demolition of existing structures, removal of underground fuel storage tanks and a Crown lease variation to subdivide the block.

The owners of the Fyshwick site have entered an agreement to sell the back portion of the block, which is conditional on the subdivision approval.

The 11,432-square-metre portion, or about 55 per cent of the site, sold for \$9,235,000.

The Fyshwick printing press was decommissioned in 2020 and in late 2021, *Canberra Times* staff relocated to a new office in Civic.