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PRESS RELEASE

Funding Boost for Bourke CBD Redevelopment

Mayor of Bourke Shire Council, Councillor Barry Hollman has today expressed his delight at the announcement, that Bourke Shire Council will receive \$1.5 million dollars to assist in the redevelopment of its commercial business district.

The funding was announced in Bourke today when the Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton, MP and State Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries. MP visited Bourke.

The funding has been provided from the Murray Darling Basin Regional Diversification Program (MDBREDP) which was made available by the Commonwealth Government and administered by the New South Wales State Government to assist communities adversely impacted by the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

The project in Bourke has been called “Bourke to the Core” and will provide a much need facelift for the CBD area in Bourke and in doing so provide a stimulus to the local economy.

The “Bourke to the Core” project aims to revitalise the CBD, link all sections of the CBD and make it much more appealing to both the local community and travelling public.

Councillor Hollman said that although Bourke was a resilient community it had suffered a significant loss of population and resultant economic activity as a result of extended drought conditions and then the reduction of availability of water as a result of the introduction of the Murray Darling Basin Plan and the injection of this funding is extremely welcomed.

In expressing his appreciation to both Mr Coulton and Mr Humphries, Councillor Hollman said that the funding was just the right tonic to start 2017 on a positive note and with the construction of the small stock abattoir to commence shortly things were looking positive for the Bourke Community.

Councillor Hollman acknowledged the work done by staff in putting together what was an excellent submission and the professionalism applied to the submission had brought a positive result for the Bourke Community.

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