



PIONEER PARK RESTORATION PROJECT

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) consulted with key community stakeholders on Friday 10 February ahead of restoration works to take place at Pioneer Park, Wellington.

Following flooding events in 2022 the walking trail and internal access road were destroyed and significant erosion occurred along the riverbank of the Bell River.

DRC has engaged Soil Conservation Services who will undertake an assessment of the erosion and prepare plans so that stabilisation works can be put into effect. The works will be prioritised on the worst affected areas and are anticipated to start in about six months.

Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council Mathew Dickerson explained Council's vision for the repairs of the walking trail and internal road.

"Severe flooding over the past year has caused significant damage in Pioneer Park and we are ready to get the project underway. The project will restore access and function for this highly utilised sporting venue, and will be constructed in a manner that will limit future losses and damage to infrastructure," Councillor Dickerson said.

"Rather than just replicating the same walkway and internal road, we are looking at options to redesign the facility to create a shared zone for

vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists, bringing the pathway further into the complex to protect the riverbank and using more flood resistant materials than the usual granite or asphalt surfaces.”

Meetings are underway with Council's design team to draft designs for the pathway and further information and advice will be shared with the community in a timely manner.

The Pioneer Park restoration project will be significantly funded from Australian and NSW Government grants.

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