



# FIRST SOD TURNED ON LEGACY PATHWAY PROJECT

The new Legacy Pathway, which will be built along the eastern bank of the Macquarie River behind the CBD, is one step closer to completion with the official turning of a sod on Tuesday morning.

The joint NSW Government and Dubbo Regional Council \$3.23M project will significantly enhance the connectivity of the riverbank precinct with a 320m pathway boasting four viewing platforms overlooking the Macquarie River.

Dubbo Regional Council Mayor Mathew Dickerson said it was an exciting day for the community.

“The project has been on the agenda for some time now in different formats. It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to get large scale projects such as this one to the construction phase. I am pleased we are another step closer to seeing this project come to life and improve the recreational amenity and opportunities for the city,” Cr Dickerson said.

The Shared Pathway will enhance the connectivity of the riverbank with the viewing platforms overlooking the river being constructed in areas that avoid the Structural Root Zones and Tree Protection Zones of the mature River Red Gums.

The Pathway will also include improved access to the boat ramp and a number of adjacent parking spaces for vehicles and trailers.

DRC was successful in securing \$3 million from the NSW Government – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program for the Shared Pathway.

The legacy program was developed to support Council to increase assessments of development and rezoning applications in order to create new development capacity and meet demand for housing and employment.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully MP said the government was pleased to provide funding and support to improve access to the tranquil Macquarie River.

“Access to public open space provides essential amenity for communities. This pathway will be a tourist drawcard offering stunning views across the river, while providing a great recreational asset for those living nearby,” Mr Scully said.

The tender for construction was awarded to David Payne Constructions in August and construction is expected to be completed in February 2024.

Included in the works being undertaken by David Payne Constructions is

the installation of two additional sets of river stairs. The Dubbo Triathlon Club is providing the funds to undertake this portion of the works to further enhance recreational opportunities for the broader community.

For further details of the works, including a map of the temporary pathway that is being established during construction, visit the YourSay website at <https://yoursay.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/Shared-Pathway-Macquarie-River>.

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