



DUBBO'S MACQUARIE RIVER SHARED PATHWAY OFFICIALLY OPENS

The shared pathway along the Macquarie River in Dubbo has been officially opened by the NSW Government and Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) following a ceremony held on Friday 12 April 2024.

The pathway provides 330 metres of all abilities access pavement and four cantilevered viewing platforms overlooking the Macquarie River. The project saw Stage 1 of the pedestrian plaza developed, as well as the construction of a new boat ramp and adjacent parking spaces.

The NSW Government has allocated \$3 million in funding as part of a commitment to deliver high quality public and open spaces.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully said that the shared pathway is a vital addition to Dubbo's urban Macquarie River Foreshore.

"This new pathway significantly improves connectivity between the CBD and the riverbank, allowing everyone to enjoy the views of the Macquarie

River while safely accessing the pedestrian plaza,” Mr Scully said.

Attending the opening the Hon. Stephen Lawrence MLC said that the shared pathway will provide safe access to future recreational facilities and the nearby event precinct.

Dubbo Regional Council Mayor Mathew Dickerson said the opening of the shared pathway will improve accessibility and connectivity of the precinct and increase the amenity of the area.

“The Macquarie River is a fantastic natural asset within our region, and the shared pathway will add to the enjoyment of this precinct for both residents and visitors alike,” Clr Dickerson said.

The project saw approximately 90 per cent of the construction undertaken by local businesses.

“The shared pathway was predominantly built by Dubbo Region locals. It shows that we have the resources and the talent here to undertake major projects such as this and position ourselves for growth in the years ahead,” Clr Dickerson said.

Together with the NSW Government, Dubbo Regional Council is delivering vital infrastructure for communities to love the place they live.

For more information about the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program, visit <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/planning-reforms/nsw-public-open-spaces-legacy-program>

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