

Edward River News



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Napier Street revitalisation on track

Edward River Council's \$1.5 million Napier Street Revitalisation Project is progressing to schedule and budget, with works scheduled to be finalised by 19 September.

Funded through the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, the project includes full road rehabilitation, stormwater improvements, new kerb and gutter, footpaths, hard and soft landscaping elements, as well as an upgrade of the Cressy Street roundabout.

Council is delivering a print, radio and online marketing campaign, *Trading While Upgrading*, for the duration of the works, encouraging shoppers to support traders along Napier Street while the works are being carried out.

Following the completion of the Napier Street project, Council will then finalise plans for a revitalisation of Cressy Street and Waring Gardens, as well as the Deniliquin riverfront precinct, after securing \$1.6 million from the Federal Government through its Regional Growth Fund to deliver the works.

Streetscape upgrades, tree planting, new hardscaping, all-abilities access improvements, laneway activations and urban art elements will transform Cressy Street into a green, welcoming environment for locals and visitors alike.



The riverfront revitalisation will focus on improving the connectivity between the river and the CBD, positioning Deniliquin as a 'River Town'.

New pontoons and moorings, pathways and seating installed along the riverfront, as well as an amphitheatre beside the Peppin Heritage Centre, will allow the riverfront to be better utilised for small and medium events and community gatherings.

All works have been identified as priority projects in the Deniliquin Public Space Strategy and Masterplan, which were developed in 2018 and through extensive community consultation.



Deniliquin to host Melbourne Cup

The Edward River region is one of just six New South Wales destinations to host the 2019 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour, with the 18-carat gold Melbourne Cup to visit Deniliquin on Friday, July 12.

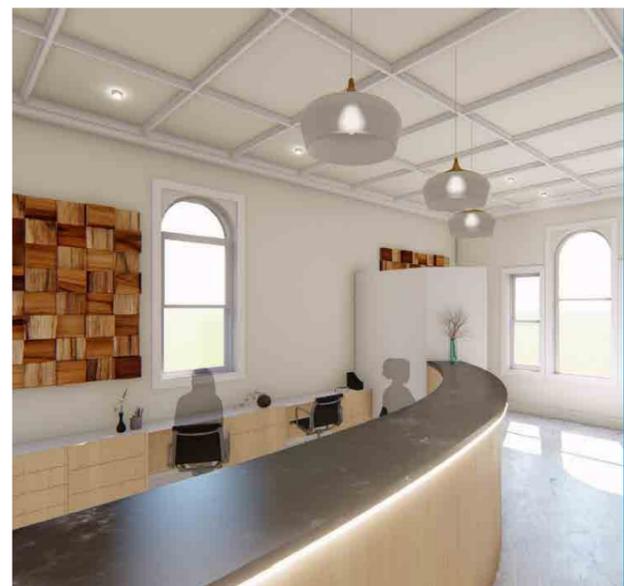
The tour itinerary includes visits to the Deniliquin Children's Centre, where children will enjoy a horse-themed show and tell, and Orana Residential Aged Care, where residents will be able to view the trophy while being treated to morning tea and a reading by local bush poet, Alec Allitt.

The Riding for the Disability Association will host the trophy at a BBQ lunch and riding demonstration at the Deniliquin Pony Club, before members of the public will be able to view it from 3.00pm to 4.00pm at the Central Murray Regional Library.

The tour will conclude with an evening reception at the Deniliquin & District Historical Society, where memorabilia from Melbourne Cup-winning jockey Roy Higgins will be on display.

Since its launch in 2003, the annual Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour has travelled over 600,000 kilometres, visiting more than 450 regional, rural and metropolitan destinations.

For further information about the 2019 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour Deniliquin itinerary, contact Council's Customer Service Centre on (03) 5898 3000 or via email at council@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au.



Scott's Park transformed into destination playground

Through the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, Edward River Council has completed the Scott's Park Destination Playground project, transforming the popular Scott's Park into a contemporary, integrated recreation precinct for the region's youth to enjoy.

Delivered by local contractor, B Green Constructions Pty Ltd, the playground features a range of new play equipment, as well as a new sheltered BBQ area and public amenities.

Features of the playground include a flying fox, nature-based play area, climbing wall, all-abilities play equipment and a half basketball and netball court.

As part of the project, the existing play equipment, including the much-loved rocket, were refurbished. All existing play equipment has been retained in the precinct.

Adjoining the playground is a purpose-built BMX pump track, which provides an off-road terrain for cycle sport and caters to a wide variety of rider skill levels.



Civic Place precinct revitalisation progressing

Edward River Council is set to progress a revitalisation of Deniliquin's Civic Place precinct, including the historical Deniliquin Town Hall and former Australian Estates Building.

Last year, Council successfully secured \$1.3 million through the second round of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund to restore the Deniliquin Town Hall.

In its 2019/20 Budget, Council has allocated \$2 million to the Civic Place revitalisation, which will include restoring the former Australian Estates Building, located at 190-196 Cressy Street, as a new, fit-for-purpose Council Chambers and Customer Service Centre.

The demountable building currently housing the Council Chambers and Customer Service Centre will then be relocated to Council's works depot on Wanderer Street, allowing the area between the Town Hall and former Australian Estates Building to be better utilised as a public space.



Volunteers recognised during National Volunteer Week included Gill Fraser, Judy Doddridge, Kay Smith, Alys Harding, Dol Pollard, Margaret Stanworth, Ann Lipple, Denise Thomas, Jane Renwick, Marg Jefferies, Judy Bond, Ray Jefferies, Pam Sefton, Mary Roberts, Edith Hall, Pauline Edwards and Jennifer Erickson.

Volunteers recognised

National Volunteer Week was celebrated from 20 to 26 May, with Edward River Council hosting a morning tea to recognise the contribution of local volunteers who assist in delivering Council's visitor information and library services.

Council is currently supported by a team of around 30 volunteers, all of whom were presented with a certificate by Mayor Norm Brennan thanking them for their service.

Earlier in May, Council farewelled Jeanne Rice from the Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre & Peppin Heritage Centre after clocking up 26 years of voluntary service.

Jeanne welcomed thousands of visitors to the Edward River region since she signed up as a volunteer in 1993 and played an instrumental role in helping Council secure various exhibitions for the centre, including the massively popular Bald Archy Prize Exhibition.

It was only fitting for Jeanne, on her last day of volunteering at the centre and surrounded by her many friends and family members who came along to wish her well in retirement, to officially open the 2019 Bald Archy Prize Exhibition.

New netball and tennis clubrooms for Blighty Recreation Reserve

The Blighty Recreation Reserve has cemented its place as one of the region's premier sporting facilities, following the construction of new netball and tennis clubrooms.

Funded through the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund, the project as provided Blighty sporting clubs with a modern, accessible facility that can be utilised as a venue for both sporting and community events.

The clubrooms include a large main room, featuring large windows overlooking the netball and tennis courts and football oval, and a kitchen with both internal and external servery, as well as home, away and umpire changerooms.



The building also features large verandahs, split-system air conditioning and a new rainwater tank and septic system. The project also saw the installation of two light towers overlooking the netball/tennis courts, as well as playground equipment adjacent to the building.

Local contractor, Precise Building Pty Ltd, completed the project, with works commencing in November and finishing in May.



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Through the program, community not-for-profit groups can seek funding for a wide range of projects, equipment, events, exhibitions and performances.

Examples of projects funded through last year's Community Grants Program include:

- A community landcare and lagoons estoration initiative facilitated by the Edward-Wakool Angling Association;
- A program for emerging creative leaders delivered by Outback Theatre for Young People;
- Basketball player development sessions provided by the

Deniliquin Junior Giants Basketball Association;

- Community events, including the 2019 Deniliquin RSL Fishing Classic and 2019 Deniliquin Aero Club Air Show;
- Equipment purchases for various community groups, including Deniliquin Mens Shed, Deniliquin Sports Park Inc., Deniliquin Heated Pool Inc. and Deni Drums & Dust Horse Sports Club Inc.

Applications are assessed against criteria including community benefit, sustainability, innovation, inclusivity and partnership.

Further information on Council's Community Grants Program, including an application guide, is available from Council's website at www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au.

Boots Up: Community Catch-Up

Blighty, Conargo and Pretty Pine will be hosting free BBQ dinners and movie screenings over the coming weeks, as part of a proactive initiative aimed at supporting mental health and wellbeing during the current drought conditions.

Edward River Council is delivering the events through funding received from Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network's Murrumbidgee Community Grants Program.

The three events are scheduled for:

Blighty

Blighty Hotel
Friday, July 19
Movie: Storm Boy
(PG, Drama/
Adventure)

Pretty Pine

Pretty Pine Hotel
Friday, August 2
Movie: Instant Family
(PG, Comedy)

Conargo

Conargo
Memorial Hall
Friday, August 9
Movie: A Dog's Purpose
(PG, Drama)

All events will run from 5.30pm to 9.00pm. Attendance is free and open to all members of the community.

Monitor your water consumption anytime, anywhere, for free!

Property owners in Deniliquin can now keep up to date with their water consumption through registering to use the MiWater MyH2O public portal, available online at edwardriver.miwater.co.

This system allows you to monitor your water use, identify leaks, and compare your water use with averages (both for Deniliquin and similar demographics).

How to register

Visit the MiWater MyH2O public portal at edwardriver.miwater.co to register. Before using the system, you will have to:

- **Register as a user.** Click the 'Sign Up Now' button and provide your details to create your MiWater account.

- **Confirm your account.** You will receive a confirmation email after creating your account. Follow the instructions set out in the email to confirm your account and begin using your MiWater account.
- **Register your property.** After logging in, click the 'Add Properties' button and provide the relevant information. After advising your relationship to the property, the address and the assessment number, you can register your property and view your water use once approved. If you are the property's owner, Council will approve your registration, and if you are a tenant, your property's owner will approve your registration.

How to set alerts

MiWater will let residents see when there is a leak or where there is substantial use. After logging in and selecting a property, look for the panel called "Consumption Metrics". The second slide should show the maximum leak rate per hour for the property.

You can also arrange to receive an alert for leaks and substantial use. At the top of the page hover over "My Alerts" with the mouse and when it drops down select "Manage Your Alerts". On the alerts page select which alert you want and fill in the thresholds for which you want to receive emails and texts for.

Major projects set for delivery in 2019/20

Edward River Council will deliver a suite of State and Federal Government-funded major projects in 2019/20, with highlights including:

- Beach to Beach Walk connectivity improvements
- Deniliquin Sports & Entertainment Stadium Extension
- Deniliquin Swim Centre all-abilities improvements
- Peppin Heritage Centre precinct upgrade
- Rural Village beautification projects
- Waring Gardens improvements
- Public art improvements
- Deniliquin Netball Facility improvements
- Deniliquin Rams Football and Netball Clubhouse

In addition to the grant-funded major projects, Council will also undertake an \$11.6 million Capital Works Program, delivering \$4.03 million in local road works, as well as water and waste infrastructure projects totalling \$2.61 million.

To view a full list of projects planned for delivery in 2019/20, visit Council's website at www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au.

| Sealed Road & Kerb & Gutter Renewal Projects | Budget |
|---|-----------|
| Charlotte Street: Butler Street to Macauley Street | \$870,000 |
| Cressy Street: Hardinge Street to Macauley Street | \$240,000 |
| Hetherington Street: Hughes Street to Norris Court | \$60,000 |
| Macauley Street: Wood Street to Henry Street | \$200,000 |
| Rice Mill Road & Saleyards Road Intersection: Railway Line to Saleyards Road | \$180,000 |
| Wood Street: Edwardes Street to Napier Street | \$345,000 |
| Macauley Street: Henry Street to Wilkinson Street | \$190,000 |
| Gravel Resheeting Projects | |
| Aratula North Road: Flanagans Lane to Moonee Swamp Road | \$70,000 |
| Augustus Street: Yarra Street to Wanderer Street | \$16,000 |
| Coborro Street: Finley Road to Augustus Street | \$14,000 |
| Cowies Road: Moonee Swamp Road to Malones Road | \$80,000 |
| Lawrence Road: Conargo Road to Mavers Road | \$50,000 |
| McEwans Lane: Moonee Swamp Road to Moonee Swamp Road | \$50,000 |
| Scott Rogers Lane: Cobb Highway to Four Post Lane | \$50,000 |
| Willurah Road: 20.971km to 40.511km | \$390,000 |

Mountain Bike Trail offers new visitor experience

While it may be better known as a fishing, boating and water sports destination, Deniliquin is quickly gaining a foothold in the growing adventure tourism market following the launch of the Murray Valley Regional Park mountain bike trail earlier this year.

The project was delivered by Edward River Council in partnership with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and local mountain biking enthusiasts.

Structured around the existing kangaroo tracks throughout the Murray Valley Regional Park, the 12-kilometre trail winds through the forest's iconic red gums and is rated as an intermediate track, appealing to beginners and more experienced cyclists alike.

Mountain bikes are available for hire, free of charge, from the Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre & Peppin Heritage Centre. For further information, contact the centre on 1800 650 712 or via email at info@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au.

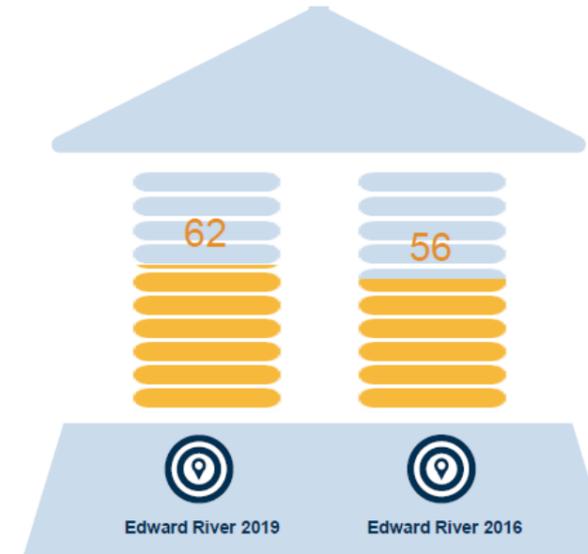


Strong result in community satisfaction survey

Community satisfaction with Edward River Council's services and performance has improved across the board, with this year's Community Satisfaction Survey revealing significant increases on all 10 core performance indicators since 2016.

The telephone survey of 400 residents, which was conducted by independent market research agency National Field Services over three weeks in May, found that satisfaction with Council's overall performance was up by six points.

The survey required respondents to identify the importance of individual service areas, assess Council's performance on each of those service areas, and provide feedback on how Council can improve its services and performance over the next 12 months.



Overall Council performance

Results shown are index scores out of 100.

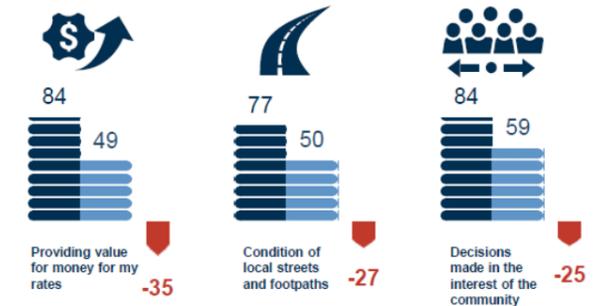
Top 3 performing areas



2019 Community Satisfaction Survey Core Performance Measures

| Performance Measure | 2016 | 2019 | Change |
|---|------|------|--------|
| Overall performance | 56 | 62 | +6 |
| Being a well-run and managed council | 50 | 63 | +13 |
| Decisions made in the interest of the community | 54 | 59 | +5 |
| Community consultation and engagement | 57 | 61 | +4 |
| Informing the community | 59 | 63 | +4 |
| Ease of access to services | 62 | 67 | +5 |
| The condition of local streets and footpaths | 41 | 50 | +9 |
| Recreational facilities | 69 | 73 | +4 |
| Providing value for money for my rates | 43 | 49 | +6 |
| Customer service | 67 | 75 | +8 |

Top 3 areas for improvement



Register to receive your rates notice electronically

Did you know that Edward River ratepayers can now opt to receive their rates notices by email, rather than through the traditional post?

Visit edwardriver.enotices.com.au to register to receive your rates notice electronically.

Rates are paid every year and can be paid in full or by quarterly instalments. If you are paying in full, your rates are due on or before August 31.

Due dates for quarterly instalments are:

- First instalment: August 31
- Second instalment: November 30
- Third instalment: February 28
- Fourth instalment: May 31

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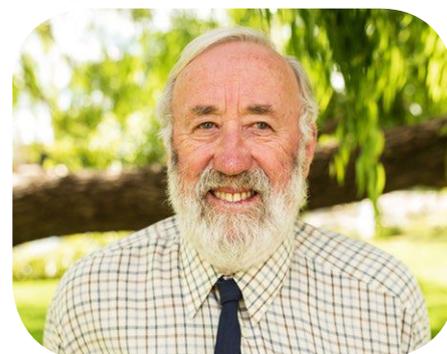
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