

Edward River News



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Mayor's Message

As we approach the end of the first term of the new Edward River Council, I'm sure I speak on behalf of my fellow Councillors when I say how proud we are to have been elected to work for you, our fellow residents.

It's been a challenging four years - from merging not only systems and staff, but priorities and projects to the effects of a global pandemic. As a new Council we had to identify how your rates would be best spent to ensure our local government area was the best in the region.

There was much work to be done - Deniliquin was long overdue for a bit of TLC, from local streets to lighting, kerb and guttering and not to mention our CBD. Our rural roads needed work too and several sporting clubs and community groups were in need of support.

We had the benefit of grant assistance from the NSW State Government in terms of merger funding which assisted with many of our major projects over the last four years. However, none of this funding would have been possible without the advocacy of our Councillors and dedication of our hardworking staff.

In this newsletter we take a look at just some of our achievements as a Council. May I take this opportunity to thank you, our residents for your support, your understanding and your commitment to our great region. It has been our pleasure to serve you.



Cr. Norm Brennan, Mayor.

Celebrating the achievements of



Priority projects were identified at the very first meeting of Edward River Council. These projects, delivered with the assistance of State and Federal Government funding included the River to Lagoon and the Beach to Beach walks.



As part of the revitalisation program, the Deniliquin Swim Centre and Scott's Park also received a major face lift. These projects followed extensive community consultation and the transformation has been welcomed by the community - particularly our youngest members.

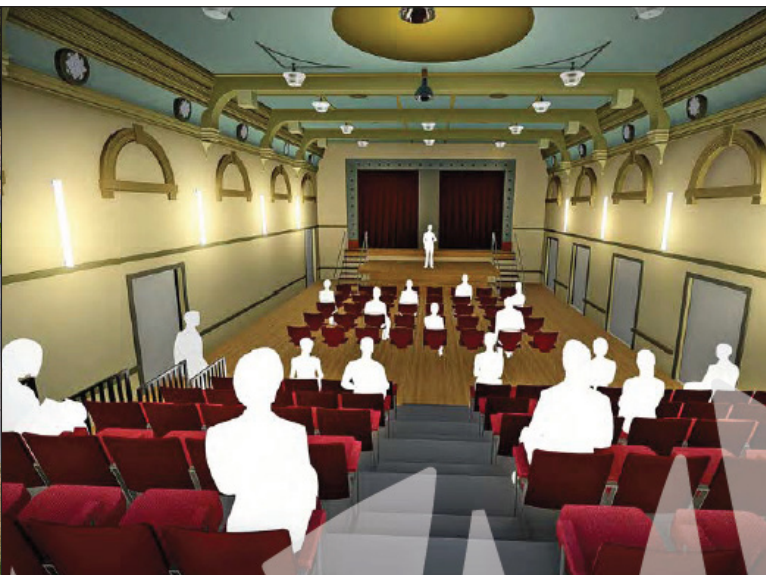


We love our sport in the Edward River region. Council was delighted to support major upgrades at several sporting facilities including the Deniliquin Stadium, the Blighty Netball and Football Club (above left) and the Rams Oval where our Councillors recently toured (above).

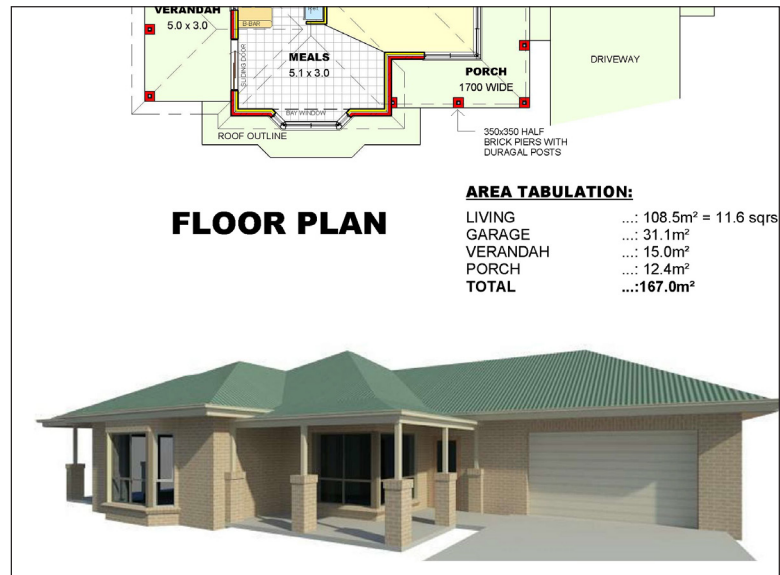
our first Edward River Council



One of our biggest projects, the CBD revitalisation. Beautiful streetscaping; opening the Waring Gardens to be accessible for all and fresh coats of paint on iconic buildings. Our town looks stunning and Council is grateful to all our business owners for their support.



Two major projects are well underway now. The Town Hall will welcome performers, functions and events and our Seniors Living Precinct will offer local residents the chance to downsize and stay in the area. These projects will be the legacy of the first Edward River Council.



Rural roads and villages have also been a priority for Council. Projects include the sealing of Maude Road (Crs Peter McCrabb and Mac Wallace inspecting the work recently above left) and painting our villages - including Pretty Pine, Blighty and Booroorban pubs.



Memorial Park

Edward River Council mayor Cr. Norm Brennan has said Council is delighted with the recent funding allocation by the NSW State Government of \$1,650,775.00 under the Crown Lands Showgrounds Stimulus Funding Program.

"We were thrilled to receive the news from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment that our application for four new projects at Memorial Park had been successful," Cr. Brennan said.

"This is the second round of funding we have received from the NSW Government. The first resulted in the fantastic new fence, seating and a new car park.

"This second round will see new sealed access roads, more car parking, kerb and guttering, a new toilet block and facilities and an extension to the club rooms used by the Deniliquin Netball Association and the Cricket Club," he said.

"It is substantially more funding and much needed to upgrade our facilities there."

Cr. Brennan said this latest funding was made available from the NSW Government's Covid-19 Stimulus Package.

"We are grateful to the NSW Government and look forward to getting to work on the upgrades and new facilities as soon as possible," he said.



Tree Subsidy

Edward River Council's annual tree planting subsidy has commenced with over 50 varieties of plants available to eligible residents.

Aimed at increasing native vegetation in the Edward River Council region, local ratepayers on properties one hectare and over are welcome to apply.

"This year we have the support of Rice-growers Association, Local Land Services and Landcare NSW who have contributed \$1500 to the program," Mayor Norm Brennan said.

"Their support has allowed us to offer optional cardboard tree guards for just 30 cents each, rather than the normal 55 cents each."

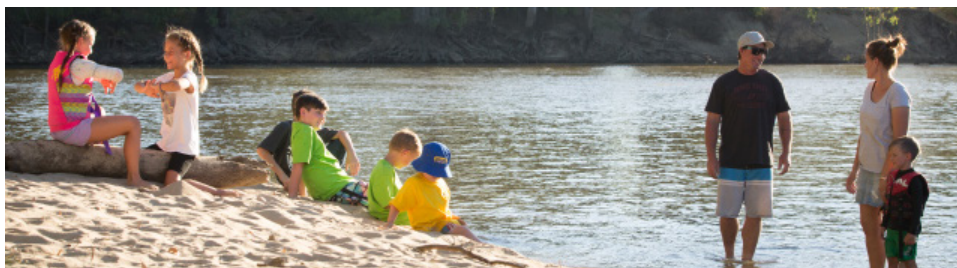
Property owners of one to 500 hectares are welcome to apply for the subsidised seedlings at a cost of \$0.65 each from now until Friday 27 August 2021.

Mayor Brennan said the scheme was aimed at assisting local property owners to not only help landscape their homes but also to help the environment.

For further inquiries regarding Council's Rural Tree Planting Scheme, please contact Edward River Council's customer service team on (03) 5898 3000 or via email at council@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au.



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