



# Media Release - \$3.05 million of Projects Announced for Blayney Shire

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The Hon Paul Toole MP visited Blayney today and announced the successful projects approved for Blayney Shire Council under the Resources for Regions (RfR) Program.

The NSW Government provided \$50 million for RfR Round 7, allocated across the 24 identified Local Government Areas (LGAs). Prescribed allocations of funding to eligible LGAs consist of: a base allocation of \$1 million and weighted funding to the most mining affected LGAs using the mining employment location quotient.

‘Four projects worth a total of \$3,055,718 have been developed and agreed in a collaboration between Blayney Shire Council and the NSW Government,’ Mr Toole said.

‘Each of these projects feature and have been rated as high priorities in the Blayney Shire Community Strategic Plan.’

The projects include:

- \$1.8 million Stage 2 of the CentrePoint Sport and Leisure Centre Upgrade
- \$550,000 for the sealing of Carbine Road
- \$655,718 for the upgrade of Forest Reefs Road
- \$50,000 for Stage 2 of the Library Refurbishment and a Blayney CBD Plan

The Blayney CentrePoint Sport and Leisure Centre Stage 2 Sustainability project is a quadruple approach. It will complete the upgrade and renewal of a 20 year old building and create an environmentally sustainable facility. This will improve the financial sustainability of the leisure centre for both Council and its community. The upgrade includes the replacement of the 3000m<sup>2</sup> roof, two new automatic front doors, installation of PV solar panels and water harvesting infrastructure, at both CentrePoint and neighbouring Carrington Park.

Creating these utility efficiencies will ensure downward pressure on operational costs and also ensure user fees remain affordable to patrons and the broader community with current utility expenditure budgeted at \$275,000 a year. Stage 2 is expected to be a 10 to 12 week project, likely to be undertaken in mid-2021 and unfortunately the pool closed for the duration of the works.

