

Date: 23rd May 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Plaque on the Pathway.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council administrator Mr Stephen Sykes visited the Muttama Creek Shared Pathway project recently and presented a plaque recognising the project to Muttama Creek Regeneration Group (MCRG) members. Along with representatives from the Cootamundra Garden Club and Bicycle Users Group (BUG). Mrs Pat Caskie from MCRG, Garden Club president Mrs Betty Punnett accepted the plaque.

Three interest groups were responsible for the successful grant submission valued at \$45045.00, The Muttama Creek Regeneration Group, The Cootamundra Bicycles User Group and The Cootamundra Garden Club, along with supporting groups Heart Foundation Walking Club and Cootamundra Toy Library and Mothers Group.

The 165 metre long, two metre wide pedestrian and bicycle pathway provides much needed access to Muttama Creek at the end of Parker Street, adjacent to Stratton Bridge. The project has been made possible with funds granted through the Stronger Communities Fund a NSW State Government initiative and administered by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.

The new pathway will enable all members of the community to use the two kilometres of pavement safely and in all weathers. The pathway has pram ramps and bike grabs installed and will utilise approximately 3000 m² of Crown Land behind the Police Station that was previously inaccessible due to overgrown vegetation and lack of an all-weather path.

Local contractors Brian Speering and son Martin were engaged to construct the pathway. Brian said he is grateful that the work stayed in town and local contractors have been used.

Further enhancement of the area will take place and it is expected that native plantings and garden formations will be installed, with working bees being organized with members of the groups involved.

Administrator Stephen Sykes is delighted that the project will be enjoyed by residents and visitors.

“This project will improve the accessibility to an area of natural beauty, and will encourage people to participate in and develop a healthy culture. Whether walking, cycling or pushing a pram the walk along Muttama Creek is now safe and welcoming.” Stephen said.

Member for Cootamundra Katrina Hodgkinson MP said she is pleased to support the project through the NSW Government’s Stronger Communities program.

“It’s fantastic when local community groups come together on projects like this, particularly with the new pathway to benefit people of all-ages and encourage them to get outdoors,” Katrina said.

END:

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
PO Box 420
Cootamundra 2590

For Further Media Information Contact: Maxine Imrie Media Officer 02 6940 2100

Maxine.Imrie@cgrc.nsw.gov.au

Picture and caption: (Plaque Presentation) below:

CGRC administrator Stephen Sykes presents a plaque recognising the Stronger Communities Fund grant for the Muttama Creek Missing Link Pathway project to Muttama Creek Regeneration Group member Pat Caskie.



Picture and caption: Looking on. Above

CGRC administrator Stephen Sykes presents a plaque recognising the Stronger Communities Fund grant for the Muttama Creek Missing Link Pathway project to Muttama Creek Regeneration Group member Pat Caskie and Garden Club president Betty Punnett, with MCRG and BUG members looking on.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
PO Box 420
Cootamundra 2590

For Further Media Information Contact:

Maxine Imrie Media Officer 02 6940 2100

Maxine.Imrie@cgrc.nsw.gov.au