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### Subject: Gundagai Men's Golf Club.

The "Bidgee Banks Golf Course has a reputation describing the course as interesting, at times challenging, but always easy walking. With no steep inclines, the course situated on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River is enjoyed by golfers, walking groups and visitors who share the course with a multitude of bird life.

Quotes and reviews from dedicated golfing websites and blogs say "The 18 hole course is 5409m in length and has a par of 70. Golfers are provided with a unique blend of challenging and innocent holes, and in most cases distance is generally not a premium during the round. However, the design and natural features of the course will test the ability of all golfers."

The picturesque tree lined course and its location has survived flooding over many years. The two fulltime employees and a band of enthusiast volunteers have worked tirelessly keeping the course looking as good as it does and now with the purchase of a new Kubota tractor, urgent remedial works caused by flooding will be undertaken. The tractor comes complete with a 4 in 1 loading bucket and turf tyres. Course supervisor Tim Ryan said last week "the addition of this new tractor will make moving supplies like sand around the course a lot easier than in the past".

Member for Cootamundra, Katrina Hodgkinson MP said that the purchase is essential for ongoing golf-course maintenance at Gundagai Golf Club. "It's important community organisations have the equipment they need to improve their facilities," Katrina said. "I'm very pleased to support the Gundagai Men's Golf Club project through the NSW Government's Stronger Communities program."

Valued at over \$30,000 the purchase of the tractor was made possible by a grant to the Gundagai Men's Golf Club, through the Stronger Communities Fund. The NSW State Government initiative, administered by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.

Cootamundra – Gundagai Regional Council's Administrator Stephen Sykes said "the Stronger Communities Fund grant enabling the purchase of this piece of equipment will assist with sustaining the maintenance in years to come at the course, and will provide an attractive, safe recreational facility for the region."



### *Picture & Caption*

*Bidgee Banks Golf Course, Course Supervisor Tim Ryan demonstrates the advantages of the new Kubota tractor, purchased recently by Gundagai Men's Golf Club with funds granted through the Stronger Communities Fund.*

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