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Peace Pavilion landscaping to attract tourists.

The landscaping of an area around Cootamundra Rotary Club's Peace Pavilion in Albert Park has been completed. The Peace Pavilion was built in 2014 and was approved to recognise Cootamundra Rotary's work for peaceful and humanitarian purposes for the community.

Opened in November 2014 by The State Governor, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC. It is a place for relaxation, contemplation and is used for Peace Ceremonies and weddings.

Originally standing in an open lawn area, local Rotarian's applied for a grant from the Stronger Communities Fund, a program by the NSW State Government and in partnership with the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, to landscape the area around the Peace Pavilion.

Hugh Hamilton, Rotary Club director and project manager said "the area was designed by Georgia Alexander from landscaping company Somewhere Else at no cost to us".

"Landscaping the area has achieved several objectives. Beautifying the adjacent area, and enhancing that whole corner section of Albert Park. We have already been told that the area invites people to enjoy a quiet time and reflection." Hugh added.

The proximity of the trees and appropriate garden has made the area more conducive for use while still keeps the artistic charm of the structure. The adjoining Gallipoli Rose garden (recognising those who gave their lives in WW I) and The Peace Pavilion are attracting tourist visitors.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's Administrator Stephen Sykes said "Having more areas in Cootamundra where citizens and visitors can relax or conduct activities in pleasant and attractive surroundings is a continuing and pleasing objective".

"The Cootamundra Rotary Club and also the involvement of the Cootamundra Garden Club and friends of Rotary should be congratulated for making our world a better place with their practical efforts", Stephen said.

Member for Cootamundra Katrina Hodgkinson MP said the NSW Government is pleased to provide funding through the Stronger Communities program toward the project.

"Cootamundra Rotary's Peace Pavilion, and the Albert Park precinct, is a very special attraction to Cootamundra for residents and visitors alike," Katrina said.

"It's terrific the next phase of the Peace Pavilion project has been successfully completed with the assistance of this grant funding."

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Photo and caption. Cootamundra–Gundagai Regional Council’s Administrator Stephen Sykes presents a plaque marking the Stronger Communities Fund contribution to Rotarians Hugh Hamilton and Neil Wilcox whilst enjoying the new landscaping in the area around the Rotary Peace Pavilion at Albert Park Cootamundra..



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