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## **Pull Up a Stump, Coolah - Streets as Shared Spaces**

Exciting news, funding to improve walkability and connectivity in Coolah has recently been granted by the NSW Government's Streets as Shared Spaces Program Round 2.

"We are delighted that Coolah has been granted funding in Round 2 of the Shared Spaces Program," said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. "The project is called 'Pull Up a Stump', and will trial public space improvements documented in the Coolah Public Places."

"Inspired by the Coolah Community Action Plan 2021, the Coolah Township and Main Street Plan 1997 and the Coolah Town Public Places Concept Plan 2021, this project will build on the local culture and history to develop the main street and adjoining areas to provide vibrant, green, meaningful and iconic public spaces in Coolah Township," said Cr Doolan.

Proposed infrastructure and installations include:

- Temporary Stump seating made from reclaimed timber installed into pavement;
- Interpretive signage to provide points of interest, learning and engagement;
- Artworks reflecting local culture, history and environment;
- Kerb protrusions to improve street safety, access and space for seating and dining;
- Plantings to provide amenity, shade and interest;
- Lighting to improve safety and to encourage night time activity.

"The project aims to grow on the themes of the Black Stump, Coolah's history and culture to build the visitor experience in this iconic rural town. The finished project will visually and experientially connect places in the township, drawing people from the town entranceways, to the main street, its businesses and services and through to other places such as the Riverside Walk, Yarning Circle, the Gallery and the Driver Reviver Site," said Cr Doolan.

"Additionally, new public places will emerge through the project as seating, signage and lighting will be placed in areas that are currently not developed or minimally developed for places for people to experience the beautiful township," said Cr Doolan.

Finalisation of the detailed design will commence now that the funding has been approved with installation of the various elements commencing late September – October 2022. The total cost of this project will be \$131,535, funded by Round 2 of the NSW Government's Streets as Shared Spaces Program. The project is anticipated to be completed by February 2023.

“It will be great to see this project come to light in Coolah over the coming year and see the benefits that it adds to the Coolah Community,” said Cr Doolan.

Member of the Legislative Council, Scott Barrett said the Streets as Shared Spaces program is part of the NSW Government’s focused efforts to help residents and the economy following the COVID-19 pandemic.

“These projects provide improvements to how we use our public spaces, and will create local employment opportunities,” Mr Barrett said.

“This is about making the Coolah township more attractive and welcoming for locals and visitors alike. This is one of many projects that will activate and re-imagine an under-utilised spaces.”

This project is proudly funded by the NSW Government through the [Streets as Shared Spaces Program](#).

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