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## Resources for Regions (R4R) Round 9 – Sporting Facility Upgrades

Over \$1.5million worth of funding has been secured for the upgrades of sporting facilities in Coolah, Coonabarabran and Mendooran.

"The NSW Government has announced that under Resources for Regions (R4R) Round 9 Warrumbungle Shire Council has been successful in obtaining \$1,553,946 for upgrades and expansions to the sporting ovals in Coolah, Coonabarabran and Mendooran and investigation into the redevelopment of Coonabarabran Pool," said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. "This is very welcome news for Council as the ovals and pool provide wonderful facilities for these communities."

The projects that have been approved under Resources for Regions (R4R) Round 9 include:

- Project 1 Bowen Oval Coolah Amenity Upgrade and Storage
- Project 2 New amenities at Coonabarabran No. 3 Oval
- Project 3 Mendooran Oval Amenity Upgrade and Expansion Stage 1
- Project 4 Masterplan, design and construction plans for redevelopment of Coonabarabran Public Swimming Pool

"Council would like to thank the NSW Government for funding these projects under the Resources for Regions (R4R) Round 9 Program, we are excited to see these projects come to light," Cr Doolan concluded.

The Resources for Regions program supports communities across regional NSW impacted by mining, with the \$140 million Round Nine expanded to support communities where gas exploration or mining may occur Resources for Regions Round 9 will provide funding for new and upgraded infrastructure and community projects that support economic and social prosperity.

NSW Nationals Upper House MP Sam Farraway said the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program has delivered 355 projects worth \$560 million to mining communities since 2012, connecting communities, stimulating local economies and delivering the critical infrastructure needed to balance the scales in the bush.

"This is great news for the local communities in and around Coonabarabran who use these sporting facilities throughout the year," Mr Farraway said.

"\$1.5 million will ensure that the Warrumbungle Shire Council has the means to reseed parks, upgrade fencing, upgrade pools and increase the storage spaces the sporting facilities offer in order to attract more locals into playing sport.

"I am pleased that our government is showing an ongoing commitment to delivering projects that benefit our region and contribute to the social wellbeing of our local towns."

For more information on these projects please contact Council's Technical Services Department on (02) 6849 2000.

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