

MEDIA RELEASE

Construction Commences on Artesian Bore for Coonamble Artesian and Cultural Experience Project

Coonamble Shire Council is pleased to announce the commencement of construction of the artesian bore that will supply water to the future Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths, a key component of the Coonamble Artesian and Cultural Experience Project.

Following a competitive procurement process, Council has engaged The Impax Group to construct the new bore adjacent to the Coonamble Golf Club and Coonamble Jockey Club precinct. Drilling equipment is expected to arrive on site over the long weekend, with drilling operations scheduled to commence later in the week.

The bore is a critical first stage of the project and will provide the artesian water source for the planned bore baths facility, camping grounds, cabins, wetland system and broader tourism precinct.

Mayor Councillor Danny Keady said the commencement of drilling marks a significant milestone in the delivery of one of the most important tourism projects ever undertaken by Council.

"This is an exciting day for Coonamble. After years of planning and securing funding, the community can now see physical works commencing on what will become a landmark tourism destination for our region," Cr Keady said.

"The Artesian Bore Baths Project has the potential to attract thousands of visitors to Coonamble each year, creating opportunities for local businesses, supporting jobs and encouraging travellers to stay longer in our community."

The Coonamble Artesian and Cultural Experience Project is jointly funded through the NSW Government's Regional Tourism Activation Fund, with \$5.5 million in grant funding, together with a Council contribution of approximately \$1.25 million.

Once completed, the precinct will feature artesian bore baths, accommodation, camping facilities, wetlands, landscaping, walking paths and supporting infrastructure designed to establish Coonamble as a destination within regional New South Wales.

Due to the high-risk nature of drilling operations and the use of specialised heavy equipment, an exclusion zone has been established around the work site.

Members of the public are requested to remain outside the exclusion zone, observe all safety signage and comply with directions from site personnel at all times.

Construction of the bore is expected to take approximately three to four weeks, subject to weather and ground conditions.

Council will continue to provide regular updates to the community as the project progresses.

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