Delivering community benefits to Cassilis

Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone

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EnergyCo is delivering the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) to provide a clean, affordable and reliable power supply for energy consumers across NSW. We recognise that hosting renewable energy infrastructure represents real change for those living and working in REZs across NSW. That is why we are providing funding to communities in the REZs to deliver lasting, tangible benefits.

Cassilis War Memorial Park

The Community and Employment Benefit Program will contribute to the long-term prosperity of regional communities hosting renewable energy and transmission lines by funding community-led initiatives, public infrastructure and First Nations projects.

More than $70 million has been delivered in the first round of program grants to community initiatives across the Central-West Orana REZ. This includes almost $14 million to the following successful Cassilis projects:

- **Cassilis Sewer Treatment Plant: $9.76 million** to Upper Hunter Shire Council to deliver modern sewer infrastructure to the village.
- **Connecting Cassilis town and War Memorial Park: $1.38 million** to Upper Hunter Shire Council to construct a footbridge across the Munmurra River, with additional pathways and landscaping to provide pedestrian access between the town and the recreation grounds.
- **Cassilis War Memorial Park: $778,170** to replace the septic system and electrical infrastructure, replace existing toilet block and prepare the site for future building works.
- **Cassilis Bowling Club: $941,042** to expand the club, adding an outdoor seating and dining area, meeting rooms, rooftop solar and accessible toilet facilities creating accessible, comfortable, and energy efficient spaces for the community.
- **Cassilis District Development Group Stage 2 Building Connections: $996,088** to build a community centre for rural resilience. The fit for purpose building on the Cassilis War Memorial Park grounds will cater for sporting, community and cultural events and operate as an evacuation centre during emergencies.

The Community and Employment Benefit Program ensures that the benefits of renewable energy investment are shared with the community and create lasting legacies for the region.

More funding will be made available to communities over the next three decades, generated from fees paid by projects with an access right to connect to the REZ network infrastructure.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit **energyco.nsw.gov.au/our-projects/central-west-orana-rez/community-benefits**

Cassilis wastewater treatment plant

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