Delivering community benefits to Coolah

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.

Coolah Swimming Pool

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 $7 million to the following successful projects for the Coolah community:

- **McMaster Park: $819,720** for the installation of modern inclusive play equipment to ensure safety and accessibility for all children visiting the park.
- **Bowen Oval upgrade: $786,510** to deliver modern amenities, new athletics facilities and female changerooms.
- **POWER, LIGHTS, ACTION! $563,475** for the installation of new lighting and a power upgrade, including solar power at Coolah Showground.
- **The Black Stump Craft Shop: $173,264** to transform the tired 1930s RSL building into an inviting and accessible community space and to revitalise the art and craft community hub.

McMaster Park

Bowan Oval

- **Coolah Amateur Swimming Club: $151,845** to install new shade sails to each end of the Coolah Swimming Pool.
- **Coolah District Development Group: $49,500** to develop a business case for a proposed Coolah Visitor and Community Centre to house an historical, agricultural and cultural museum.
- **Coolah Sewerage Treatment Plant: $3.932 million** to Warrumbungle Shire Council to undertake remediation, flood protection works and establishment of new off-site treated effluent storage pond and effluent reuse area.
- **Coolah Water Supply Scheme: $500,000** to Warrumbungle Shire Council to upgrade critical water infrastructure.

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**

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