



**BOURKE
SHIRE
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Bourke Fishing Reserve Improvements

With the popularity of inland waterways recreational fishing on the increase, Bourke Shire Council has recently completed infrastructure improvements at the Bourke Fishing Reserve.

"The Bourke Fishing Reserve has always been a popular fishing spot along the Darling River," Bourke Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Barry Hollman said.

"Following the provision of State Government Funding, Council has been able to install additional seating, tables and shelters at two sites at the Bourke Fishing Reserve, which will undoubtedly be well received by the many people, both fisherman and tourists alike, who utilise the area," the Mayor said.



He continued, "The Fishing Reserve is a great place to fish and relax or to view the historic Bourke Weir and Lock. Tourists visiting the Bourke community are encouraged to take in the numerous walking/cycling tracks, along with the rock bars and shady picnic areas, that are in the Reserve."

Council received the funding from the NSW Government Infrastructure Package for COVID-19 Impacted Communities.

"I thank the NSW Government for the provision of this funding to Bourke Shire as a COVID-19 impacted community," the Mayor said. "It is easy to forget the impact of the Pandemic on many people in Bourke. As such, the provision of this funding that has allowed improvements at the Fishing Reserve, is much appreciated."

Located some 6 kilometres west of Bourke at the end of Weir Rd, the Bourke Fishing Reserve comprises a land area of some 161 Hectares fronting the Darling Baaka River and includes the historic Bourke Weir and Lock. The land is a Crown Reserve, owned by the State (Crown). Bourke Shire Council is the appointed Trust Manager of the Reserve under Section 95 of the Crown Lands Act 1989.

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