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PATHWAYS COMPLETED FOR A STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITY

Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW Rick Colless and Nationals Candidate for Orange Kate Hazelton today marked the completion of works on a number of footpaths across Orange.

Mr Colless and Mrs Hazelton inspected the recently completed works on the footpath along Clinton Street, near Cook Park where a new 1.2 metre wide concrete footpath has replaced what was an old and deteriorated asphalt pathway.

“It’s great to see upgrades such as these happening across the electorate. So far works on six of the eight footpaths have been completed - improving streets across Orange and better connecting residents to schools, businesses and community facilities,” Mr Colless said.

Mrs Hazelton was pleased to see work on these footpaths turned around so quickly, with all seven upgrades to be completed by June of this year.

“It’s fantastic to see projects funded under the NSW Liberals and Nationals Stronger Country Communities Fund come to fruition.

“It’s important that our streets are safe and usable for everyone, and that our community has access to infrastructure which promotes healthy and active lifestyles.

“The completion of works along these footpaths means we are also likely to see less congestion on our roads and more people in our community out and about.”

Mr Colless’ congratulated Orange City Council on helping deliver this project, which received \$320,000 in funding through the NSW Liberals and Nationals Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said Stronger Country Communities projects are popping up across the state, each helping to make regional towns and cities even better places to live, work and play.

“The \$300 million Stronger Country Communities Fund breathes new life into regional NSW towns and cities by providing the grassroots projects that make a real positive difference to everyday life,” Mr Barilaro said.

“I congratulate everyone who had a hand in delivering this project to the community, especially the Orange City Council.





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“Together we are making sure regional NSW has the things which make a difference in a community, from improved local sporting fields and playgrounds through to funding for art galleries and libraries.”

The Stronger Country Communities Fund is part of the NSW Government’s \$1.6 billion Regional Growth Fund, designed to improve economic growth and productivity as well as community amenity with investment in regional communities.

For more information, visit: www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities.

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

Completed upgrades

- March Street - from Sale Street to Hill Street
- Sale Street – from Orana Street to Casey Street
- Clinton Street – from Summer Street to Kite Street
- Caroline Street - from McLachlan Street to Edward Street
- McLachlan Street – from Byng Street to Summer Street
- March Street – from Spring Street to Nile Street

Upgrades, which have not yet started

- McNamara Street – from Kite Street to Moulder Street
- Sampson Street – from Prince Street to March Street

