



MEDIA RELEASE: Temora and Bland Councils Secure Major Funding to Boost Drought Resilience

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Temora Shire Council (TSC) and Bland Shire Council (BSC) are proud to announce their successful partnership in securing \$341,660 in funding for the implementation of six key activities under the Regional Drought Resilience Planning (RDRP) Program. This funding, provided by the NSW Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development as part of the Federal Government’s Future Drought Fund, will enhance drought preparedness, improve infrastructure, and strengthen social and economic resilience across both shires.

Key Activities to Benefit Both Communities

The six funded projects include:

- **Bringing Vacant Houses onto the Rental Market:** Addressing housing shortages to attract and retain skilled workers.
- **Spend Data Analysis:** Providing real-time economic data to inform business and community decisions.
- **HR Management Support Scoping:** Enhancing workforce resilience and creating employment pathways for local youth.
- **Strengthening Community Groups:** Engaging a volunteer coordinator to build social cohesion and support community organisations.
- **Expanding the Resilience Project:** Extending mental health and resilience training to schools and the wider community.
- **Improving Water Efficiency:** Evaluating irrigation systems to preserve green spaces and enhance environmental outcomes.

A Strong Partnership for Resilient Communities

“This partnership demonstrates how working together can achieve meaningful outcomes for our residents,” said Temora Shire Council Mayor Rick Firman. “By

combining our resources and expertise, we can tackle shared challenges more effectively.”

Mayor Firman’s sentiments were echoed by Cr Brian Monaghan, Mayor of Bland Shire Council, who said, “This funding will make a tangible difference in our communities, from boosting local economies to improving social cohesion and environmental resilience.”

Next Steps

Work on these projects will commence immediately, with completion expected by November 2025. Both councils are committed to keeping the community informed and ensuring the funding delivers maximum benefits.

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