

# Great response to Riverine Project

**IT'S been almost two months since the overhaul of the Namoi River's banks and council is pleased overall with the local response.**

The Riverine Project is complete with tarred internal roads for easy access, a concrete pathway for walking and cycling and traffic control bollards.

The development was made possible by a Federal Government grant of \$165,000, as well as a contribution from Shenhua Watermark Coal which put up \$124,000 for the project.

Director of Planning and Environmental Services, Mike Silver, said it has created better access to the river for the public and everyone seems happy about the work that has been carried out so far.

"A lot of people are starting to appreciate that it is part of a broader strategy in terms of improved environmental management.

"While the plan was always to create an opportunity for the community to enjoy the river area, it's also about improving health and wellbeing in the community," Mr Silver said.

"That's why gym equipment will also be installed near the new pathways.

The Riverine Project is part of Gunnedah's cycleway master plan and will eventually link up with the cycle tracks along Wandobah Road and Mornington Heights.

While the council did have issues with vandalism to the removable bollards that were initially put in place for the project, these have since been replaced and rectified the issue.

Mr Silver also extended his thanks on behalf of the council for Gunnedah Rotary's contribution to the project, as well as the financial support given by Shenhua Watermark Coal.



*THE pristine cycleway near Cohen's Bridge.*