



MEDIA RELEASE

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'Spending a penny' at Wollombi will soon be more appealing

Construction of a new and improved toilet block and picnic shelter at Wollombi is well underway to increase convenience for locals and tourists alike.

Cessnock City Council Officers met with community groups in Wollombi to determine the needs of the area and for advice on what form the new amenities would take.

The Wollombi Progress Association, Wollombi Tidy Valley, Wollombi Community Hall and Wollombi Tennis and Sports Association committees are among those consulted on the project—all indicating their support of the new construction.

The former amenities were struggling to cope with increasing demand as a result of tourism, market days and community events in Wollombi. Spikes in visitation have also been brought on by an increase in coach tours, weddings and local events—putting additional stress on the former facilities.

Wollombi is regarded as both a stop-off and end-of-trip destination, with visitation to the area particularly high on weekends and public holidays. The construction of new amenities aims to address the current deficiencies in capacity—soon making those necessary loo breaks much more comfortable for locals and tourists.



Blair Johnston and Mayor of Cessnock, Cr Bob Pynsent At the construction site.

The new facilities will include five female, three male and accessible toilets, a picnic shelter and a barbecue.

The facilities have been designed to reflect the heritage value of Wollombi, with a traditional sandstone look and feel.

The project is part of Council's 2014/15 Delivery Program and Operational Plan. The construction of the new facilities is also in line with the recommendations of the 2009 Recreation and Open Space Strategic Plan, Slacks Park Masterplan and Plan of Management.

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