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Forbes Shire Council Working Towards Energy Efficiency in Water Management

“Work is underway at Forbes Shire Council as part of a major program involving 14 Councils in the Central NSW region to increase energy efficiency at water and waste water pump stations,” said <Councillor Ron Penny, Mayor of Forbes.

“Central NSW Councils (Centroc) will receive around \$2 million in Australian Government funding to deliver energy efficiency work across 30 sites at 14 member Councils,” said Cr Penny.

“Centroc will be rolling out an innovative project to increase energy efficiency across the region including the council areas of Forbes, Blayney, Bathurst, Boorowa, Cabonne, Cowra, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin, Young and Harden,” said Cr Penny.

“Forbes Shire Council will receive \$51,300 in matched funding for a sewer infiltration project to repair manholes that will reduce energy usage at the Forbes Waste Water Treatment Plant and Sewage Pump Stations, said Cr Penny.

“The pumping of water requires a lot of electricity and has a significant impact on Council’s budgets. Efforts to improve efficiencies and reduce costs will benefit our community, particularly the low socio economic demographic by ensuring Councils rates for these essential services are kept to a minimum”, said Cr Penny.

“We are pleased to be working in partnership with Centroc Councils and the Australian Government on this great initiative,” said Cr Penny.

For more information and to keep updated please join the Centroc Facebook page and visit the new look Centroc website for more information on the Centroc Water Utilities Alliance www.centroc.com.au/centrocs-advocacy-priorities/water-infrastructure/water-utilities-alliance

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