



What will John say to Paul Toole?

*'Pull your head in, Paul!'
'Not going to happen, Paul!'
'Leave Cabonne Council alone!'*

ANTY is yet to hear from Deputy Premier and new NSW Nationals leader, John Barilaro, regarding his promised discussion with the Minister for Local Government, Paul Toole, in relation to ANTY's desire to see Cabonne Council dropped from their proposed forced merger with Orange City and Blayney Councils.

Anty Chairman Jock Haynes said, "On the 25th of November, we had a productive meeting with Mr Barilaro and his chief of staff, Fiona Dewar, and were heartened that he actually listened to what we had to say and clearly understood why Cabonne should not become part of a larger Orange City Council."

"Following that meeting, Ms Dewar promised that the Deputy Premier's meeting with Mr Toole would take place in the "coming weeks" and that

she would provide updates."
"Ms Dewar has advised that this meeting has not yet taken place and as she told us it is a general rule not to publicise when ministers will be meeting, she has provided no advice as to when they would be meeting, or even if it has actually been scheduled."

"Given the timeframe Ms Dewar provided for the meeting to occur, we expect it will take place this coming week at the latest and we have great faith in Mr Barilaro to be able to provide an outcome consistent with the desire of the majority of the residents of Cabonne, which was clearly demonstrated at the recent Orange by election," Jock said.

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Maybe next year's reshuffle?

NSW Government's Deputy Premier and Nationals leader, John Barilaro came to Molong and talked with Cabonne Council and ANTY regarding the reasons why 'forced amalgamation' of Cabonne with Orange City Council and Blayney Council is not the preferred option.

Apparently, John Barilaro was not aware that Cabonne has two major towns, Molong and Canowindra. One of the reasons given for Council amalgamation was to create satellite towns around a large populated centre. It was thought that Orange would provide this reason for both Cabonne and Blayney. Well, it could - and could be good - but Cabonne residents say that they want to remain the same.

Now it's time for JB to talk with Premier Mike Baird and Minister Paul Toole about the issue. If Cabonne is to remain the same, the decision may not come until the proposed Baird Government's Ministerial reshuffle occurs which is thought will happen in January 2017.

What we do know is that Baird will be looking 'to save face' if he lets Cabonne Council off the hook. A reshuffle moving the talented Minister Paul Toole to another portfolio might be the way out.

Then again, whilst political parties and governments play their games - Cabonne residents and Cabonne Council staff - will be very grateful. No need to 'save face' in Cabonne Country.

Sydney Gets \$35m Bike Ramp While Orange Gets Potholes

Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party Member for Orange Philip Donato has called for more roads funding for the Orange electorate after reports in the Sydney Morning Herald of \$35 million being spent on a 200-metre bicycle ramp in Sydney.

"The National Party is too city-focused and that's evident from today's announcement for a multi-million dollar 200 metre cycleway in Sydney by National Party Roads Minister Duncan Gay," Mr Donato said.

"Sydney is getting a \$35 million bike path while the Orange electorate has plenty of roads that need fixing."

"Just a fraction of that money could go a long way in rural areas where it's needed most. The first thing that many people in my electorate have said to me, and as their number one issue, are our roads."

"While some of our roads received funding as part of flood-relief, many

more have been left untouched. Existing roads funding is welcome, but clearly more needs to be done; that's shown by how often people bring it up with me across Orange, Parkes and Forbes."

"Plenty of promises for road funding were also made during the Orange by-election. I will hold the Government to their word and on every cent."

Mr Donato said that given the State Government's economic situation, there should be plenty of money for rural roads.

"While the Baird Government is talking up it's financial record, that shows me there should be plenty left in the bank for rural roads. If there's \$35 million for a Sydney bike path, then there's surely spare funds for rural roads - especially in my electorate of Orange."

"Duncan Gay said that he wants this \$35 million to create the 'best cycleway in the world'. Well I want to see Orange have the best roads in the Central West."

Concrete poured and frames assembled on new residential aged care section

Another major milestone has been reached on the Molong Multipurpose Service (MPS) redevelopment with the pouring of concrete and installation of frames for the new residential aged care section.

The concrete pour is an important step in creating the suspended slab, which will form the floor-plate of the new residential aged care area. Construction on the overall redevelopment project is progressing well, following minor delays due to wet weather during August, September and October. Works already completed include excavation activities, construction of footings and blockwork walls, and a new mortuary.

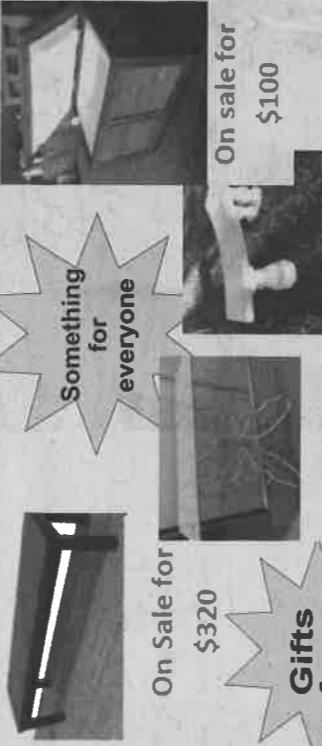
Residents and staff are excited to see the physical changes occurring and were updated on the progress at a site update meeting in October. Construction is expected to be complete late in 2017.



An aerial view of the frames and the new structure being built.

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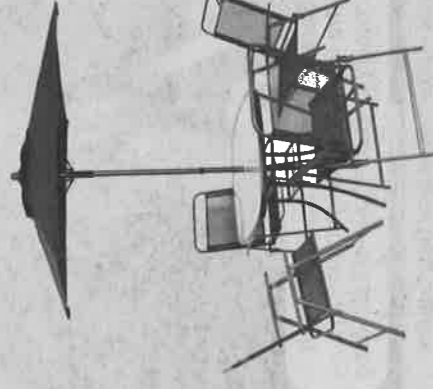
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