

## Media Release

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### **Access for all at church**

Parishioners at Gundagai's Anglican Church will soon find accessing the church far easier when the Stronger Communities Fund project begins. The parish council were successful in their application to the SCF and have obtained a \$18600.00 grant to improve access to the church by installing a ramp.

The ramp will enable access by the disabled and elderly. It will also benefit funeral directors providing an easier and safer entry and exit when conducting funerals. Currently the access is difficult for carrying coffins and there is no wheelchair access.

The church is steeped in history, 1861 saw the foundation stone laid and the first incumbent appointed in 1865. The stone church is part of Gundagai's buildings heritage and is of significant interest to historical societies. It is listed on the Gundagai visitor information tourism walk and brochures encouraging tourists to visit the church.

The project has been months in the planning, and is expected to start soon.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council administrator Stephen Sykes said the project will enhance and improve the use of the church for all.

"This project will be convenient and encouraging for the disabled and elderly, provide a dignified and safe entry and exit for funeral directors. I'm pleased the project will begin shortly and the Stronger Communities Fund and council have been able to assist," Mr Sykes said.

Photo and caption:

St Johns Anglican Church Gundagai, will soon have access for all, when the entry/exit ramp is installed.



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