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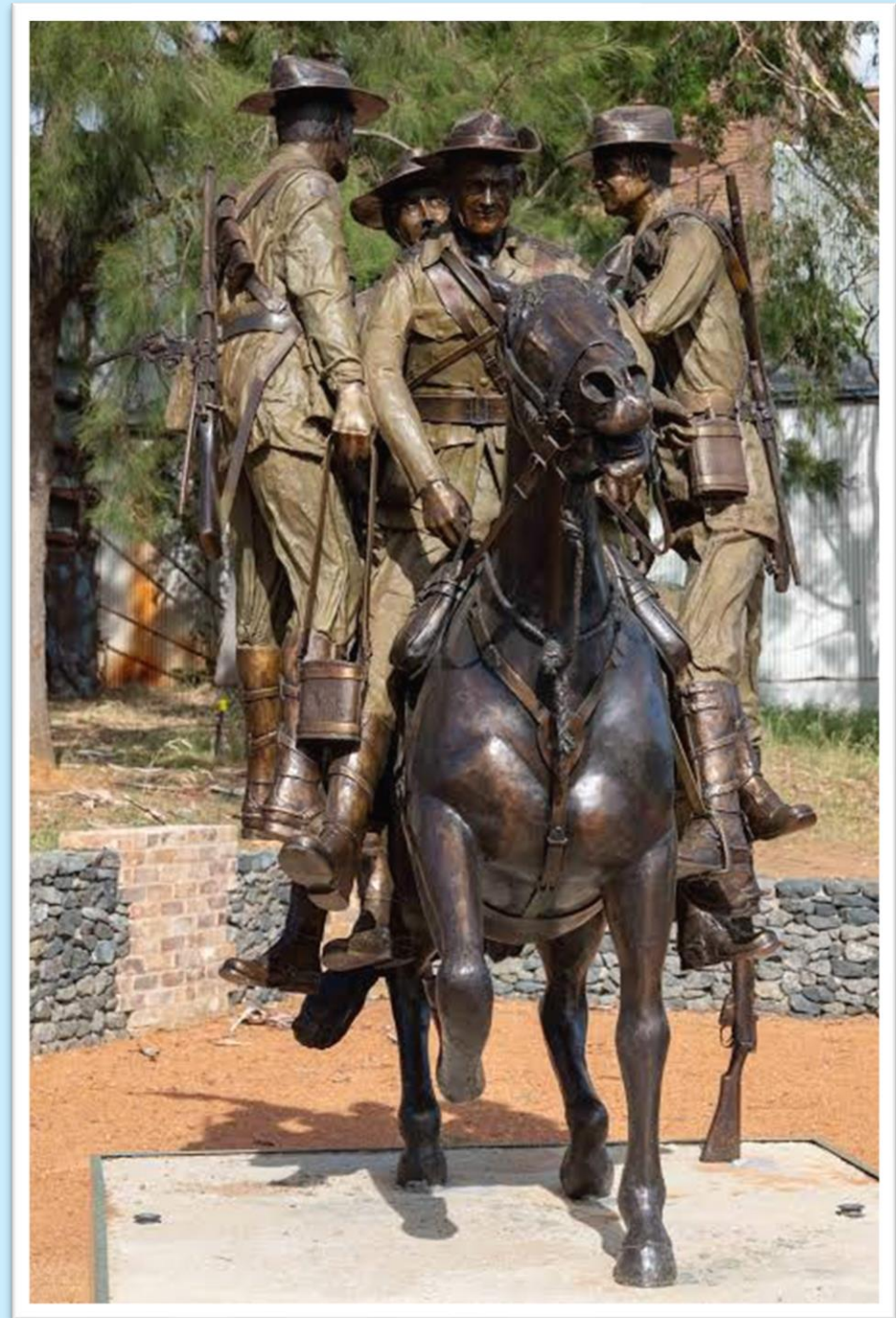
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Build partnerships and invest in solutions to drive productive, sustainable and strong regional communities.

- Primary Industries
- Local Land Services
- Mining, Exploration and Geoscience
- **Regional Development**
- Regional Precincts



Orana Far West Regional Development Team

- Live and work here, part of the region and our communities.
- Offices in Bourke; Broken Hill; Buronga; Dubbo and Walgett.
- Working with business, community groups, industry, local government
- We are the problem solvers, the navigators into government and the strategic thinkers working to progress opportunities and make a difference in our communities.
- Leading a fresh approach to how the government invests in regional NSW.



What we know about the Orana region

- West is best. Shoot straight. Solution focused
- Dubbo is a hub
- Housing pressure – growing population and the need to house key workers and workforce for major projects
- Improvements to service delivery -workforce and skills shortages in the region
- Aboriginal economic development and enterprise as an enabler of better social outcomes



Supporting business growth and jobs

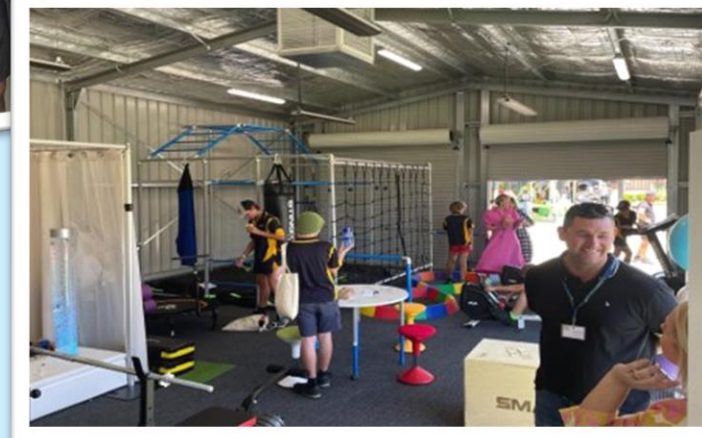
- Dreamtime Tukka native inspired food products to fly around Australia on Qantas
- Narromine Aviation Business Park hangar development and aviation commercial businesses.
- The Platypus Rescue HQ giving platypi a refuge in drought, and a place dedicated to research where we can see and learn more their behaviour and habitat
- Barradine Sawmill – recommissioning of the Mill
- EarlyRise Bakery taking on the French in producing brioche locally and supplying it across NSW
- Maverick Biosciences expanding export biomedical products around the world
- Fletchers continue to be one of largest meat processor and exporter of lamb and sheep products



Partnerships in the Orana region



- Marathon Health - 26 traineeships across 10 communities. Aboriginal students attaining a Cert 3 or 4 in Aboriginal health or mental health.
- Walgett Welcome Experience -52 registered key workers looking to relocate and are part of the program.
- NSW Rugby Partnership –well beyond just being the greatest game on earth...
- Wellbeing Hub Narromine High -health services onsite at the school.
- Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone – Coordination; legacy projects; community investment
- Regional Aboriginal Partnerships Program:
 - Workshop with Destination Country and Outback, and NATOC to build Aboriginal tourism businesses
 - procurement workshops with Government and non-government partners –four workshops in Wellington, Nyngan, Brewarrina and Lightning Ridge with 46 participants.



Regional Development Roadmap – timeframe



Having your say

- Issues paper released 9 November 2023
- Provide a submission:
 - Online via: www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au
 - By email: regionaldevelopmentroadmap@regional.nsw.gov.au
 - Mail by:
Regional Development Act Submissions
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- Submissions close January



Q&A

