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## ***Millthorpe eNews***

### **MILLTHORPE STONES THE WALL**

After a period of 12 months, all the hard work by local identity Sam Yeates has paid off.

Millthorpe's very own entrance dry stone wall, welcoming visitors into the village, is now officially approved and building is commencing this week.

Blayney Shire Council and the Roads and Maritime Services have approved the building of the stone wall with contributions coming from the Millthorpe Village Committee, the Council and the Council's Village Enhancement Project fund.

The design comes from the master of stone wall expertise - John Boag - who is overseeing the project design and building from start to finish.

Engineer John Harrison volunteered his time to contribute to the Development Application and Traffic control plan for the RMS.

A strong group of local volunteers are on hand to gather the stones and build the wall.

Speaking at the location at the northern entrance into Millthorpe, Sam Yeates commented that this is a fitting project for Millthorpe's 150th anniversary.

"This dry stone was built as a community project coordinated by the Millthorpe Village Committee and the Blayney Shire Council as part for the town's Sesqui Centenary celebrations in 2017," said Yeates.

"The construction is supervised by John Boag a local identity and stonemason with assistance from volunteer support from local villagers, farmers and school children.

"The stone wall design forms a shape of a traditional mill from the early years of Millthorpe. "Millthorpe village and the surrounding area has become known for the beautiful stone walls – all built by John Boag including his very own stone wall.

"Thankfully we have a great group of people volunteering to help build this wall and we are planning an official occasion to celebrate."



## **VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT**

The Millthorpe community prides itself on its historic village particularly the buildings and street scape filled with trees that show their true autumn nature at this time of year.

For many years the Millthorpe Village Committee has been instrumental in beautifying and maintaining the upkeep of the overall village and continues to commit funds towards this area.

More recently, the Blayney Shire Council met with members of the Millthorpe Village Executive Committee to overview the village and committed to investing funds to upgrade and improve footpaths, the Forest Reefs Road underpass, drainage near Mill Green, more tree planting, building a car park and heritage trail at the railway station and improving the courts, seating, trees and repairs at Redmond Oval.

Millthorpe Village Committee President, John Mason commented that the Council is not only committed to improve the village but all the villages across the Shire.

“It is great to see the Council investing time and funds to all villages to enhance their street scapes, footpaths, amenities, services, general public infrastructure and the surrounds,” said Mason.

“Over the next year, the MVC and Council have marked many necessary activities for improvements and additions to lift the overall aspect of the village.”

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