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Bethungra committee has runs on the board

A COMMUNITY based committee which set out to improve the village of Bethungra has reached a major milestone.

The Bethungra On The Up group, formed by residents looking to improve their village, has completed the installation of an information board in Anzac Park.

The board recounts the history of Bethungra from its earliest recorded history of white settlement and eventually the present.

While only a small project, it is a big step for the committee as it is the first project it has completed since its inception in 2011.

Committee member Gaylene Crabtree said the committee was

aiming to improve Bethungra in stages.

Hundreds of travellers along the Olympic Highway have stopped at the park, taking advantage of the playground and facilities.

"The park has been a great asset since the toilets have been upgraded," she said.

Mrs Crabtree said improving the gardens with the committee working on a number of submissions to secure grant funding.

She said one of the goals would also be to install more parking for caravans, but admitted it was years down the track.

The structure for the sign was built by inmates at Junee

Correctional Centre while Junee Shire Council excavated the ground for the concrete foundations.

Residents Leon Shepherd, Mick Gammon and Garry Crabtree pitched in to pave, concrete, reinforce the structure and complete the roof.

"Everyone pulled together which is great," Mrs Crabtree said.

On February 3, the Bethungra Old School Tea House will mark 12 months since it opened.

The school's former bell will be unveiled to mark the occasion with festivities and entertainment beginning at 11am.



ONE SMALL STEP: Bethungra community members Garry Crabtree and Mick Gammon at the new Bethungra information board in Anzac Park. The board was devised and installed with the help from the village community.
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