

MEDIA RELEASE

MAIN STREET FACELIFT UNDERWAY

The first premises to benefit from Coonamble Shire Council's Main Street Painting Initiative are showing their new faces as Coonamble Shire Council works with property and business owners to breathe new life into the town's retail heart.

The initiative gives building owners an opportunity to seek a contribution to painting their shopfronts following an allocation of \$30,000 from council in 2023.

It is part of Council's broader CBD Revitalisation Project that grew out of the 2020 Coonamble Shire Masterplan and involved significant community consultation.

An earlier component, completed in 2024, saw safety inspections of main street awnings by a structural engineer. Building owners were then able to undertake repairs needed to remedy any serious defects the inspection discovered.

A customized colour scheme for the main street was prepared in 2025 by a heritage architect to match the period in which many of the buildings were built and is available to property owners looking for guidance.

"We're already seeing the benefits of the painting project, with the historic Monterey Café, the Mink & Me building, and now the former newsagents building looking much brighter," said Mayor Dan Keady.

"It's not a large sum of money but it's an acknowledgement that keeping historic buildings in our main street looking their best can be a costly exercise.

"From council's own consultations, we know that our local community – and visitors – value our heritage streetscape.

"This is just one way that Council can support and encourage the owners of these premises to keep them looking their best for everyone to enjoy.

"Obviously there's a lot more to be done and we will be finalising the Main Street Masterplan in coming months."

Council is inviting other main street building owners, particularly those who participated in the awning project, to nominate their buildings for assistance.

A CBD Masterplan will be the next step in the process of long term improvement of the town's retail heart.

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