



# COUNCIL'S ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM FOSTERS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Dubbo Regional Councils (DRC) YourSay platform has become a bustling hub, welcoming nearly 30,000 visitors since its launch in April 2023.

With over 87,000 page visits, the YourSay platform is a pivotal channel for the community to explore and engage in discussions surrounding projects, plans and proposals Council is actively delivering or developing.

Designed to facilitate community involvement, the YourSay platform empowers individuals to participate and provide feedback on a myriad of Council initiatives and public exhibitions.

Offering a diverse range of engagement avenues, from formal submissions to interactive polls and surveys, all activities are accessible 24/7 across various devices.

DRC Mayor Mathew Dickerson said the significance of the website's anniversary alongside the adoption of the 2023–2027 Community Engagement Strategy and Community Participation Plan, highlights Council's commitment to maintaining an open dialogue with the community throughout all stages of planning and project execution.

"Community input and feedback are paramount in guiding Council decision-making processes. Continuously exploring avenues for community participation and engagement remains crucial in addressing matters of significance to our residents," Cllr Dickerson said.

"Building upon the success of last year's engagement efforts during the public exhibition for the 2023-24 Budget and associated documents, this year we are further enhancing community engagement for the 2024-25 Budget and Delivery Program."

DRC Manager of Customer Experience and Engagement Caitlin Colliver said the YourSay platform's success over the past year showed the community's eagerness to actively participate in Council activities.

"In the past 12 months, we've witnessed the listing of 114 projects on the YourSay page, engaging residents across various levels, based on the International Association for Public Participation Spectrum (IAP2) framework, outlined in our strategy," Ms Colliver said.

"The platform serves as an invaluable tool for fostering community interaction and feedback, offering flexibility for engagement at the convenience of our community.

To stay informed about YourSay updates, individuals can become members and receive direct email correspondence regarding projects or

consultations tailored to their interests. For existing members, the anniversary marks an ideal time to review and update their settings to ensure alignment with their current interests.

For more information or to sign up for the newsletter, visit [yoursay.dubbo.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.dubbo.nsw.gov.au).

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