

## MAYOR OF THE DUBBO REGION - BEN SHIELDS



Councillor Ben Shields was first elected to the former Dubbo City Council in 1999 as an 18-year-old who was still studying for his Higher School Certificate.

Councillor Shields is a fifth generation local of Dubbo and has a small advertising and marketing consultancy business.

Since his election to Council back in 1999, Councillor Shields has served 10 years on the board of Local Government NSW (previously Local Government Association of NSW).

In 2012, Councillor Shields was elected Deputy Mayor of the former Dubbo City Council.

At the 2016 merger of the former Dubbo City and Wellington Councils, Councillor Shields was appointed as an advisor to the Local Representation Committee whose job was to advise the new council administrator until elections could take place for the new Regional Council in September 2017.

Following the 2017 Council elections, Councillor Shields was elected as the first Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council.

### **MAYOR'S BLOG**

The Mayor's weekly column about issues, events and news in the region.

### **Talk of "day zero" and Dubbo running out of water not true**

Water restrictions about extending region's water supply to get us through tough times but taps not about to run dry.

### **Time for residents to think about how to save water**

Council and the NSW Government are working to find solutions for Wellington's water security but residents should be looking at how they can reduce their daily usage.

### **New projects steaming ahead across Wellington**

It's getting closer to the completion of the Wellington Aquatic Centre. Almost \$8 million dollars has been spent on this ultra-modern facility and I'm absolutely certain that Wellington locals are going to be thrilled with the new complex.

### **Cycle Club facility getting closer to reality**

Last week I had the chance to visit the Dubbo Cycle Club facility and see the progress that is being made there. There is no doubt that when it is completed by the end of the year, Dubbo cyclists are going to have one of the best homes in regional NSW.

### **Dubbo region to move to higher water restrictions in coming weeks**

As of Tuesday, 1 October, the Dubbo region will move to level three water restrictions, and one month later we will move to level 4.

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## **MEDIA RELEASES**

### **1 Oct 2019 Dubbo Well and Truly Open for Business, Despite Drought**

Mayor of the Dubbo Region, Councillor Ben Shields, says people considering a trip to the Dubbo Region shouldn't worry about their stay affecting the local water supply as the region's usually high, all-year-round visitor occupancy is factored in to water use planning.

### **30 Sep 2019 Business Downturn Prompts Action in Wellington**

A Buy Local or Bye Local campaign by Dubbo Regional Council and the Wellington Business Chamber will encourage more people to shop locally.

### **27 Aug 2019 New air services to link regional NSW to Dubbo welcomed**

Dubbo City Regional Airport is extending its reach even further, with the re-introduction of passenger air services to Cobar, Bourke, Walgett and Lightning Ridge.

### **21 Aug 2019 Independent report into Apex Oval ordered**

Mayor of the Dubbo Region Ben Shields has requested the decision regarding the relocation of stands at Apex Oval in the coming months to be determined by Councillors at the next Ordinary Council meeting, on Monday 26 August 2019.

### **1 Aug 2019 Village Street Sealing Program continues in Wongarbron**

Wongarbron residents will soon benefit from an improved road system with Dubbo Regional Council carrying out sealing works at Bundemar Street, Wongarbron.

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A monthly calendar of the Mayoral Appointments.

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July 2019

June 2019

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March 2019

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December 2018

November 2018

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September 2018

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