

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.

Council to focus on boosting economy and infrastructure in Wellington

Exciting projects for the town are underway, and now Council is looking at methods to help local businesses such as a buy local campaign.

Dubbo Region establishing itself as an Epicentre of Events

If you look down Macquarie Street at the moment you will see a new set of signs with a catchy phrase that sums up one of Dubbo's strengths.

Second Mayoral election for Dubbo Region on Thursday

This Thursday night, Dubbo Regional Councillors will meet to determine who will be the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the region for the next 12 months.

Wellington's Bicentennial Park playground now open

It was only a few months ago that people in the Montelores area gathered for a community consultation meeting to choose a playground design for Bicentennial Park and now it is ready for action.

Council makes difficult decision to rest Apex Oval for major event

On Monday night Councillors were faced with one of the tougher decisions during this Council term when we were asked to decide on the usage of Apex Oval over the next month.

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MEDIA RELEASES

21 May 2019 Council calls on NSW Government to fund Emergency Services Levy increase

Mayor of the Dubbo Region Ben Shields has called a 20 per cent increase in Dubbo Regional Council's Emergency Services Levy for 2019-20 excessive and called on the NSW Government to fund the almost \$200,000 increase from the previous year.

24 Apr 2019 Work begins on designs for Dubbo's Wiradjuri Park

Designs are being drawn up for the Wiradjuri Park at Elizabeth Park (Dubbo Regional Botanic Gardens) with Stage 1 of construction expected to be complete by the end of 2019.

10 Apr 2019 Eumungerie streets upgraded through Village Street Sealing program

Work is under way to upgrade two heavily used streets in Eumungerie from gravel to bitumen seal as part of the Village Street Sealing Program.

9 Apr 2019 Windsor Parade Pocket park goes to public exhibition

A plan to beautify one of the main entrances to the city of Dubbo is on public exhibition for community feedback.

9 Apr 2019 Submissions closing for Outdoor Dining Policy

Council is reminding business owners in the Central Business District to have their say on a draft Outdoor Dining Policy which is currently on public exhibition.

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MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

A monthly calendar of the Mayoral Appointments.

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July 2019

June 2019

May 2019

April 2019

March 2019

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November 2018

October 2018

September 2018

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