

## 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**

### **29 May 2019 Road to be named in honour of sister city partnership**

Mayor of the Dubbo Region Ben Shields has announced a private road in the city will be named "Minokamo Way" to mark the 30th anniversary of the sister city partnership between Dubbo and Minokamo.

### **24 May 2019 Milestones reached at major projects in Wellington**

Work is progressing on the redevelopment of the Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre with the pools, main building and plant room all reaching milestones.

### **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.

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A monthly calendar of the Mayoral Appointments.

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August 2019

July 2019

June 2019

May 2019

April 2019

March 2019

February 2019

January 2019

December 2018

November 2018

October 2018

September 2018

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