

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.

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.

Council working to secure Wellington's water security

Over the last couple of weeks you may have heard discussions about the water security of the Dubbo region. It's no secret the drought has taken a toll on Burrendong Dam and it is currently sitting at 4 per cent of its capacity.

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MEDIA RELEASES

4 Nov 2019 Wellington's own Rhino is poached for his horn

Dubbo Regional Council is devastated to report that 'Arthur' the rhino, which usually stands in Wellington, has had his horn poached.

31 Oct 2019 Qantas Airfares On Sale and Region set to Benefit

Qantas has announced an airfare sale from Sydney to a range of regional destinations including Dubbo between December 2019 and mid-2020. The sale includes Sydney to Dubbo from \$119 one way.

31 Oct 2019 Mayor calls for economic assistance for businesses affected by water restrictions

Businesses across Regional NSW have been dealt a financial blow by tightening water restrictions and will require financial assistance to continue, Mayor of the Dubbo Region Ben Shields has said.

21 Oct 2019 Dubbo gifts bronze kangaroo sculpture to sister city Minokamo

A delegation from Dubbo has presented the Japanese city of Minokamo with a bronze sculpture of kangaroos to mark the 30th anniversary of the sister city relationship.

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.

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A monthly calendar of the Mayoral Appointments.

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