

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.

Three years on, merger has brought benefits for Dubbo

It's been three years since the Dubbo City and Wellington Councils were amalgamated to form the Dubbo Regional Council and it is amazing to see how much progress has been made in that time.

Wellington going ahead three years after Council merger

It's no secret the merger of Dubbo City and Wellington Councils brought fear within the Wellington community about being overshadowed by Dubbo and a loss of identity. I would hope that three years on those fears have been alleviated.

Now not the time for increase in rates and charges

One of the most controversial things a Council can do is raise rates and charges and it is something I have regularly opposed during my nearly 20 years on Council.

Welcome boost to mobile service at Gollan

In our modern world, digital communication is essential and it is virtually impossible to operate without good access to mobile phone reception and data so a new tower at Gollan is excellent news.

River Street Bridge

The vast bulk of people in Dubbo see the location of the new third bridge as flawed, or simply said, in the wrong location.

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MEDIA RELEASES

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.

26 Jul 2019 Beautification of entrance to Wellington underway

Work has begun to improve the appearance of the northern entrance to Wellington, with the clearing of unsightly debris from the side of the Mitchell Highway.

21 Jun 2019 NSW Budget supports our positive regional momentum

Dubbo Regional Council Mayor, Councillor Ben Shields, has welcomed the 2019-20 Budget released earlier this week by NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet.

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MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

A monthly calendar of the Mayoral Appointments.

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