

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.

Big events making their way to Dubbo

In the past few weeks some very exciting major events have been announced for Dubbo. From the A-league trial match between the Newcastle Jets and Sydney FC in September to the Red Hot Summer Tour happening in April next year, it is great that Dubbo is able to attract these events.

Big improvements being made at Wellington

Anyone who has driven from Wellington towards Dubbo in the last fortnight would have noticed a big change as they headed out of town with work going on to beautify the town entrance.

Sponsorships available to help Wellington events

I often talk about the importance of boosting the Wellington economy to ensure the town is able to thrive.

Big week for emergency services in Dubbo

Last week was an exciting one for the emergency services ranks in Dubbo with a number of announcements and openings taking place.

No job quite like being Mayor

It is certainly a challenging and extremely rewarding job being Mayor, but you go into a job like this knowing and expecting that, and wanting to always put the community first when doing the job.

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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 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 finals 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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MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

A monthly calendar of the Mayoral Appointments.

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