

## 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.

### **Residents help pick new playground design for Bicentennial Park**

There is great news for parents and families in the Montelores area of town with an exciting new playground to be installed at Bicentennial Park.

### **Drug Rehab Centre funding a boost for Dubbo Region**

I couldn't be more pleased with last week's announcement that Dubbo has secured \$3 million in federal funding to go towards a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility.

### **St Mary's closing classes would be bad for Wellington**

Last week I attended a concerning meeting at St Mary's Catholic School, Wellington, to discuss the future of the school and the possibility of class closures.

### **National crisis presents great opportunity for Dubbo Region**

China's National Sword policy is certainly a crisis that has yet to get mainstream national attention. But I can assure people that the issue is huge and will certainly become a major political issue that needs to be sorted out.

### **Change coming for tip users in former Wellington Council area**

A hot topic for anyone who has to take their rubbish to a waste transfer system around the Dubbo Region is the plan to restrict the opening hours of a number of tips in the coming months.

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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 ofinals 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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A monthly calendar of the Mayoral Appointments.

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