



## JOINT STATEMENT: DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL & FORMER GENERAL MANAGER MARK RILEY

On Monday 27 November 2017 Dubbo Regional Council resolved that the contract of the General Manager be terminated by mutual written agreement.

Council noted the General Manager's intention to resign from employment with Dubbo Regional Council for personal reasons.

As part of the proclamation of the new Dubbo Regional Council in May 2016 and following a recruitment process managed by the NSW State Government, Mr Riley was appointed as Interim General Manager for the new Council. He was subsequently appointed General Manager of Dubbo Regional Council for a 3-year contract term effective 3 July 2017.

Dubbo Regional Council Mayor Councillor Ben Shields said:

"The Dubbo Regional community has benefited from Mark's experience and leadership since first being appointed General Manager of Dubbo City Council in November 2004.

Mark served the former Dubbo City Council very well over an extended period of time and is to be congratulated for his outstanding service to the community.

Highlights for the City during his period of employment include the upgrade of Dubbo City Regional Airport to a Category 3 security airport, overseeing major upgrades to Dubbo's water and sewerage supply services including the construction of a West Dubbo Water Reservoir and upgrades to the Dubbo Sewage Treatment Plant and the planning, construction and official opening of the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre and the Western Plains Cultural Centre.

Council resolved on Monday evening that Mr Riley be thanked for his outstanding service to both Dubbo Regional Council and the former Dubbo City Council."

Former General Manager Mr Mark Riley said:

"I am proud to have served Dubbo City Council and Dubbo Regional Council for a period of some 34 years as an Officer, Director and General Manager.

Over that period the population of the Council area has grown to be over 50,000 and there are many major projects that I have had the privilege to be involved in.

Amongst the more significant and challenging projects was working with the Department of Housing, NSW Police and numerous other Government Agencies in respect of a Whole of Government approach to the social issues occurring in the former Gordon Estate back in 2005/2006. The outcome in respect of this project was a most positive one for Dubbo.

The construction and subsequent successful operation of the DRTCC and the Western Plains Cultural Centre have had an immeasurable positive impact on the cultural capacity of the Region and I was delighted to play a role in these major infrastructure developments. The South Dubbo Weir project addressed critical safety concerns and along with projects such as the Apex Oval Stormwater Harvesting Project, major upgrades at the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets, Dubbo City Regional Airport and Councils ongoing land development activities, these have all been highlights in the role. With Dubbo City Council the achieving of "Fit for the Future" status for Council in terms of its ongoing sustainability into the future under the criteria determined by the NSW Government was a milestone for the Council.

Naturally I also highlight the many merger transition projects that have occurred over the past 18 months. Whilst there is still much to be done, the Organisation is in a positive position to move forward. In this regard recent funding announcements by the NSW Government have been unprecedented for Council and will have a most positive impact on the quality of community infrastructure.

I consider Dubbo Regional Council is in a strong position to move forward and the future of the new organisation is also strong given the capacity of the Staff who are focused on servicing the community

In this regard I thank the community for the opportunity to serve them over many years and the Staff of Council for their assistance and dedication. I wish the new Council well in their endeavours."

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