

## WELLINGTON TOWN ASSEMBLY TOP OF AGENDA ITEM FOR FIRST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The first Ordinary meeting of Dubbo Regional Council to be held on Monday 23 October will consider a proposal to form a Wellington Town Assembly.

Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council Ben Shields said the proposal for a Wellington Town Assembly is the first Mayoral Minute to be put to the new Council.

“It is fitting that this proposal is the first matter being put to Council through a Mayoral Minute because it represents a consultative approach and recognises the specific needs of Wellington,” Councillor Shields said.

If endorsed by Council the new committee would be formed with Councillor and community representation, Chaired by the Mayor and meet quarterly to act as an advisory group for matters affecting the town of Wellington.

“Wellington is the second largest population centre in the Dubbo Regional Local Government Area,” Cllr Shields said.

“The proposal will provide another avenue for residents of Wellington to discuss upcoming projects or events in Wellington and meet regularly with Councillors to provide advice on issues specific to Wellington,” he said.

It is proposed that the Wellington Town Assembly comprise the Mayor, two Councillors and five representatives from the community to be selected following a public call for expressions of interest.

Councillor Shields said if supported by Council, the Wellington Town Assembly will operate in a similar fashion to the Rural Consultative Working Party and be an important advisory group for Council.

Other matters on the agenda for consideration by Council include social justice, upgrading and expansion of the security camera network, beautification of neighbourhood shopping areas, Master Planning for the Dubbo Showground, abolishing the ward system, commencing investigations on a constructed lake and live streaming of Council meetings.

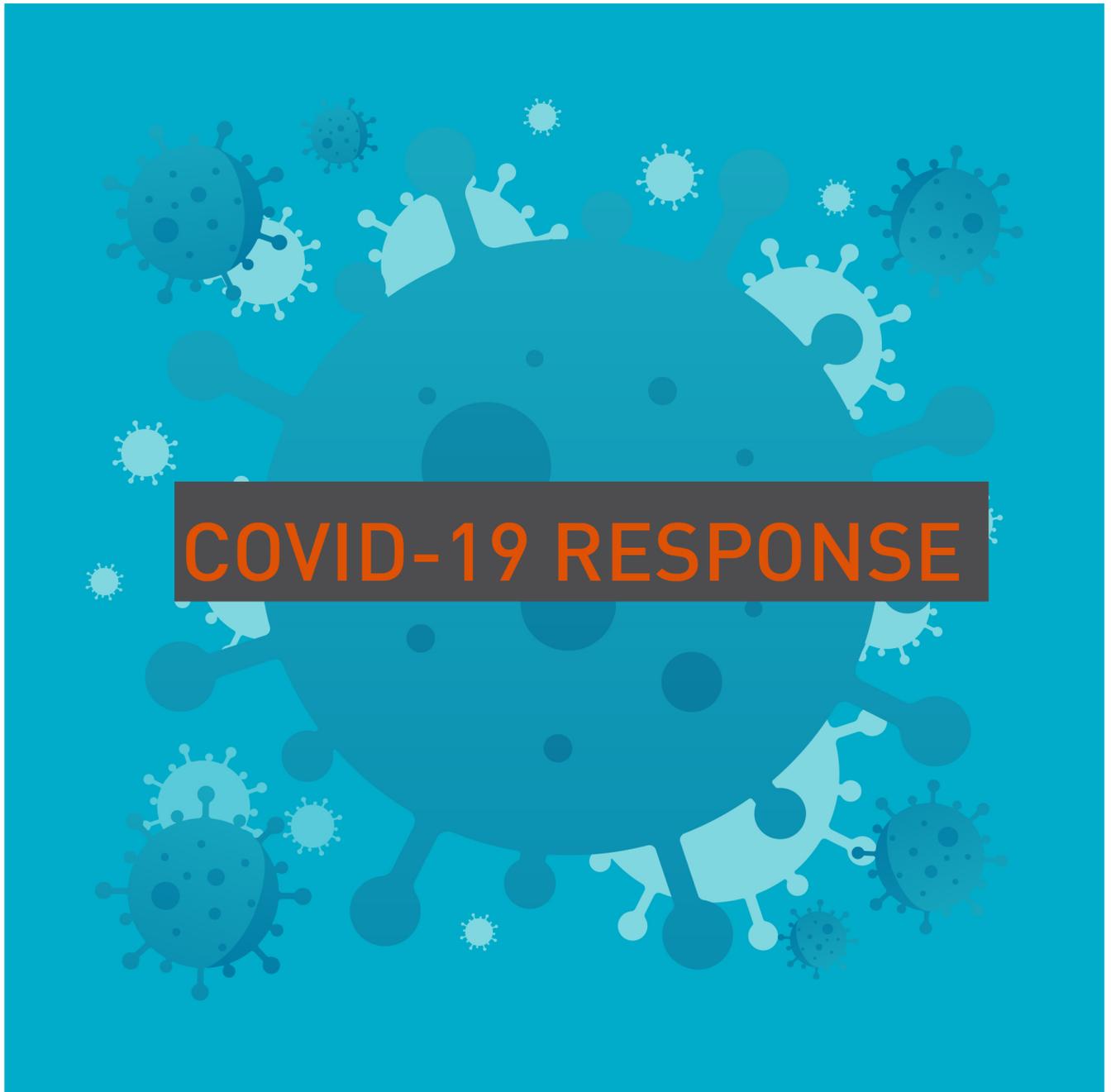
The October Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday 23 October 2017 commencing at 5.30pm in the Council Chambers of the Dubbo Civic Administration Building. Business papers are available on the Friday prior to the meeting and can be downloaded from Council's website [www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au).

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