



NEW RESIDENT NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) hosted its first New Resident Night for the year on Wednesday, 15 February 2023, welcoming over 150 residents to the region.

The event was held at the Old Dubbo Gaol with 23 businesses, community groups and not-for-profit organisations in attendance to showcase their products and services, including Art Club who provided card making activities during the event.

Official attendees included the Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders MP, Inspector Russel McArthur, Mayor Mathew Dickerson, Deputy Mayor Richard Ivy, Councillors Vicki Etheridge, Jessica Gough, and Shibli Chowdhury, DRC CEO Murray Wood, Director Strategy Partnerships and Engagement Natasha Comber, Director of Community Culture and Places Jane Bassingthwaite, Manager Strategic Partnerships and Investment Tim Nichols as well as representatives from the Dubbo Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council Mathew Dickerson was delighted to

welcome more than 150 people to the region during the event.

“The 1st New Resident Night of the year was a great success. I was pleased to see so many new faces, hear their stories and reasons for moving to the Dubbo Region.”

“Thank you to our local businesses and community organisations for coming along to connect our new residents with valuable services, provide relevant information and get them involved in our community,” Councillor Dickerson said.

Event attendees enjoyed light refreshments catered by Farmers Bakehouse, experienced character in costume performances by Old Dubbo Gaol staff and played games conducted by the Mayor. Every new resident also received a bag filled with helpful information to make their move as easy and smooth as possible.

New resident Annabel Jamous who is a teacher at Central West Leadership Academy provided positive feedback about the event: “I'm so happy to be officially welcomed to the area! I feel like I've really arrived. It's the 1st time I've heard of an event like this, and it makes all the difference, so a big thanks to everyone involved. I've connected with other newbies, and found out about lots of the local networks and activities on offer. Dubbo is a vibrant and friendly place, and by the end of the event I was even more confident that I've made a great choice by coming here.”

DRC will hold a second New Resident event later in the year. If you have recently moved, or know someone that has, make sure to collect a copy of the New Resident Guide from the Dubbo or Wellington Visitor Information Centres or read it online at <https://dubbo.com.au/live/life->

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