



2024

- **ACCESSIBILITY TRIAL ACROSS COUNCIL WEBSITES** - Dubbo Regional Council is calling on the community to take part and provide their feedback on an accessibility trial to be undertaken across six of Council's websites.
- **APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS** - Applications for the next round of funding for the Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) Community Services Fund and the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund will open on Thursday 1 February 2024.
- **APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR MINOKAMO SISTER CITY EXCHANGE** - Applications for Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) Sister City Exchange Program with Minokamo are now open.
- **AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL'S MICHAEL BELL TO DELIVER POWERFUL ANZAC DAY ADDRESS** - The Western Plains Cultural Centre (WPCC) will host the Australian War Memorial's Indigenous Liaison Officer Michael Bell, this Anzac Day as he delivers his presentation *Serving Under the Protector*.
- **BARDEN PARK TO UNDERGO RESURFACING** - Dubbo Regional Council's Barden Park Athletics Centre of Excellence will have the synthetic running track replaced in March, thanks to funding from

the NSW Government.

- **BOIL WATER ALERT – MUMBIL** - Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) has issued a BOIL WATER ALERT for properties connected to the Mumbil water supply. This covers the area of Mumbil township.
- **CALL TO RECOGNISE OUR LOCAL WOMEN** - Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) is partnering with The Exchange Co and the Commonwealth Bank to host an International Women's Day celebration event at the Old Dubbo Gaol.
- **CEREMONY COMES TO DUBBO REGION** - The Western Plains Cultural Centre (WPCC) is preparing to host the National Gallery of Australia's touring exhibition, the 4th National Indigenous Art Triennial: Ceremony.
- **CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS DURING NSW TOUCH JUNIOR STATE CUP** - During the NSW Touch Junior State Cup - Northern Conference event several road closures and changes will be in place in the vicinity of the Lady Cutler Sporting Precinct.
- **COUNCIL CELEBRATES REGION'S YOUNG PEOPLE** - Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) prepares to celebrate Youth Week 2024, with exciting events happening in Dubbo and Wellington for young people aged between 12 – 24 years old.
- **COUNCIL'S ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM FOSTERS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** - Dubbo Regional Council's (DRC) YourSay platform has become a bustling hub, welcoming nearly 30,000 visitors since its launch in April 2023.
- **COUNCILS BOLSTER DROUGHT RESILIENCE FOR THE CENTRAL ORANA REGION** - Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) has partnered with Narromine Shire Council (NSC) to co-develop a Drought Resilience Plan for the Central Orana Region.

- **CURTAIN RISES TO STRONG DRTCC SEASON OPENING** - The Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) has had a stellar start to its Loaded With More In 2024 Season, with high audience numbers and patron satisfaction across all shows.
- **DO YOU DREAM OF ORGANISING A SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL?** - Dubbo Regional Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from not-for-profit cultural and community groups to run the 2024 DREAM Festival.
- **DOG MAN THE MUSICAL COMES TO DUBBO REGION** - Beloved children's literary classic Dog Man is set to hit the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) stage this March, with two of the three performances already sold out to school bookings.
- **DUBBO AND WELLINGTON SEWERAGE REHABILITATION UNDERWAY** - Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) has started sewer mains rehabilitation works, which will be undertaken across the Local Government Area.
- **DUBBO REGION TO CELEBRATE SENIORS FESTIVAL THIS MARCH** - Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) will celebrate NSW Seniors Festival from 11 – 24 March 2024 with a range of events and activities in the Dubbo Region as well as a featured Seniors Festival Expo.
- **DUBBO RESIDENTS RECOGNISED AT AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT** - Hundreds attended the Dubbo Australia Day event on 26 January 2024 with the hard work of community members recognised during a morning ceremony.
- **DUBBO'S MACQUARIE RIVER SHARED PATHWAY OFFICIALLY OPENS** - The shared pathway along the Macquarie River in Dubbo has been officially opened by the NSW Government and Dubbo

Regional Council (DRC) following a ceremony held on Friday 12 April 2024.

- **EOI OPEN FOR PARTIES INTERESTED IN LIVESTOCK MARKETS -**
An Expression of Interest (EOI) process has opened calling for interest in leasing or purchasing the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets (DRLM).
- **HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S DRAFT 2024/2025 BUDGET -**
Dubbo Regional Council's (DRC) draft 2024/2025 Budget, Delivery Program and Operational Plan and associated documents are now on public exhibition with submissions from the community invited until 9am, Monday 3 June 2024.
- **HAVE YOUR SAY THROUGH COUNCIL'S BIENNIAL SURVEYS -**
Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) is currently running its biennial Community Insights Survey calling on residents to voice their opinions and assist with the development of plans for the future of our region.
- **IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY WATER RESTRICTIONS IN WELLINGTON -** Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) advises temporary water restrictions are applied to properties connected to town water in Wellington until 10am on Friday, effective immediately.
- **INAUGURAL ART LIVE: ON TOUR EVENT SET TO ROCK DUBBO REGION -** The National Gallery of Australia's (NGA) 1st Art Live: On Tour youth event will take over the Western Plains Cultural Centre (WPCC) for one night on Friday 12 April 2024.
- **LIBRARY VISITATION RISES IN 2023 -** The Macquarie Regional Library experienced significant visitation growth in 2023 with a 11.5 per cent increase on members of the community utilising the Dubbo and Wellington Library branches from January to September 2023.

- **MONITOR WATER CONSUMPTION THIS SUMMER** - Summer is well and truly gripping the Dubbo region and as a result water consumption is increasing during this period. Dubbo Regional Council's (DRC) new Water Portal app allows business and residents to monitor their water usage daily and develop strategies to reduce their consumption.
- **MUMBIL BOIL WATER ALERT LIFTED** - Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) has been working with NSW Health and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water in relation to the Boil Water Alert issued for the Mumbil water supply area following a failure on Monday of the raw water transfer pump between the wells which caused technical issues for the water supply pumps and the chlorine dosing pump.
- **NATIONAL FAMILY DAY CARE WEEK SEES LOCAL EDUCATORS AWARDED FOR SERVICE** - Dubbo Regional Council's (DRC) Dubbo Family Day Care is recognising National Family Day Care Week 2024 with activities aimed at celebrating the crucial work that child educators play in the care and development of the region's children.
- **NEW RESIDENTS' NIGHT MAKING THE MOVE TO THE DUBBO REGION EASIER** - Anyone who has moved to the Dubbo Region is invited to attend a New Residents Night on 22 May at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre.
- **NSW TOUCH JUNIOR STATE CUP RETURNS TO DUBBO** - Approximately 9,000 junior touch stars and their families will take to the fields at the Lady Cutler Sporting Precinct in Dubbo over the next three days as Dubbo hosts the 2024 NSW Touch Junior State Cup Northern Conference.
- **OFFICIAL DELEGATION HEADS TO SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN** -

An official delegation of representatives from the Dubbo Community will head to South Korea and Japan at the end of March.

- **OUTCOMES FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS -**
Councillors met at 5.30pm on 7 March 2024 for the Dubbo Regional Council Standing Committees meetings. Outcomes from the standing committees will be taken to the Ordinary Council meeting on 21 March 2024 for consideration and adoption.
- **OUTCOMES FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
APRIL - Councillors met at 5.30pm on 11 April 2024 for the Dubbo Regional Council Standing Committees meetings. Outcomes from the standing committees will be taken to the Ordinary Council meeting on 24 April 2024 for consideration and adoption.
- **OUTCOMES OF THE 15 FEBRUARY ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**
- Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) met on Thursday 15 February 2024 at 5.30pm in the Dubbo Council Chambers for the first Ordinary Council meeting of 2024.
- **OUTCOMES OF THE 21 MARCH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING -**
Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) met on Thursday 21 March 2024 at 5.30pm in the Dubbo Council Chambers for the March Ordinary Council Meeting.
- **OUTCOMES OF THE 24 APRIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING -**
Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) met on Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 5.30pm in the Wellington Council Chambers for the April Ordinary Council Meeting.
- **PHONE CALLS MADE FOR BIENNIAL WATER AND SEWER SURVEY**
- Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) is currently holding the biennial Water Supply and Sewerage Customer Satisfaction Survey.
- **PLAYGROUND TEMPORARY CLOSURE -** The Wambool playground

in Dubbo will be temporarily closed until Monday 15 April 2024 for maintenance works, weather permitting.

- **POPULAR CRIME FICTION AUTHOR COMING TO DUBBO REGION -** The Macquarie Regional Library will host Chris Hammer, leading Australian crime fiction novelist, for a series of author talk events in May at the Dubbo and Wellington library branches.
- **POWERFUL COMING OF AGE TALE FOURTEEN COMES TO DUBBO REGION -** Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) will play host to Shake & Stir Theatre Company's moving adaptation of Fourteen this May, with the inspirational true story currently touring around Australia.
- **PRE-CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSIONS AHEAD OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS -** Dubbo Regional Council will host several pre-candidate sessions ahead of the upcoming 2024 Local Government Elections to assist potential nominees.
- **RAINBOW COTTAGE EXCEEDS NATIONAL STANDARDS -** Dubbo Regional Council's (DRC) Rainbow Cottage Childcare Centre has exceeded the national standards for early childhood education and care at its most recent National Quality Standards assessment.
- **READ MORE IN 2024 -** The start of the year often involves new year's resolutions and if your resolution is to read more in 2024, your local Macquarie Regional Library branch can help.
- **RECORD-BREAKING SHOW YULDEA COMES TO DUBBO REGION -** Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing arts company, Bangarra Dance Theatre, is bringing Frances Rings' powerful production of Yuldea to the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC).
- **SATIRICAL ART ON EXHIBITION AT WPCC -** Need a little comic

relief? Then make your way to the Western Plains Cultural Centre (WPCC) and take in the newest exhibition to feature on the walls of the centre, The Best of the Bald Archy Prize.

- **SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE FEVER TO RETURN TO DUBBO REGION IN 2024** - Do you remember the Saturday night dance scene in Dubbo in years gone by? It's back once again with the Dance Maker's Collective (DMC) to transform Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) into an ever-popular dance hall on Saturday 3 February 2024.
- **SMOKESCREEN SETS THE SCENE IN 2024** - Lovers of stylish cinema are invited to experience iconic elegance of 11 films as part of the Western Plains Cultural Centre's (WPCC) 2024 Smokescreen series.
- **SPARC GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 2 FUNDING NOW OPEN** - Dubbo Regional Council's (DRC) round two of funding for cultural programs and projects is now open.
- **TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CARPARK** - The North Ollie Robbins Carpark, located at the bottom end of Church Street will be closed to the public from Monday 4 March until Monday 18 March.
- **THE HEAT IS ON AS ALL FIRED UP COMES TO DUBBO REGION** - The award-winning, homegrown love letter to 80s music, All Fired Up: An 80s Mixed Tape, will come to the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) this April for one night of perm-raising music featuring 20 hit songs from the decade.
- **THE WHARF REVUE RETURNS TO DUBBO REGION** - One of Australia's leading political satire ensembles, The Wharf Revue, are returning to the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) stage this April to deliver their latest stinging indictment on Australian and global politics in their new show,

Pride in Prejudice.

- TOP 10 BORROWED BOOKS IN 2023 - Macquarie Regional Library has released its top 10 borrowed fiction and non-fiction books for 2023 from the Dubbo and Wellington libraries.
- TREE WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN DUBBO CEMETERIES - Tree works will be undertaken in both the Old Dubbo and New Dubbo Cemeteries on Monday 5 February and Tuesday 6 February.
- WASTE 2 ART COMPETITION ENTRIES NOW OPEN - It's time to transform rubbish into art and design once again with entries to the annual Waste 2 Art community art competition now open.
- WASTE FACILITIES TO GO CASHLESS FROM 1 JULY 2024 - Dubbo Regional Council's waste facilities and transfer stations will be going cashless from 1 July 2024 in an effort to reduce property damage and increase staff efficiency.
- WELLINGTON RESIDENTS RECOGNISED AT AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT - A twilight event was held in Wellington on Thursday 25 January 2024 to recognise Australia Day and encourage inclusivity among the community.
- WESTERN PLAINS CULTURAL CENTRE OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATORS - Western Plains Cultural Centre (WPCC) will add a new component to its already packed-to-the-brim school excursion/school holiday educational workshops lineup in 2024.

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