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#### **Local Government Week NSW: Creating the Communities We Live In**

Coonamble Shire Council is celebrating Local Government Week with morning teas to recognise and acknowledge the contribution the various segments of its community make to its vibrancy.

Coonamble Shire Mayor, Cr Daniel Keady, is also inviting members of the community to join a Councillor this Friday, 8 August, for a 10-minute chat between 11am and noon to increase Council's awareness of current community sentiment.

"Local Government Week provides an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the pivotal role that councils and their employees play – in partnership with community members – in creating the vibrant, safe, and sustainable communities that we call home," the Mayor said.

"Councils are responsible for an extraordinary range of services and infrastructure that touch every aspect of daily life. From maintaining parks, libraries, and sports facilities to managing waste, roads, planning, and local economic development, Councils are at the forefront of community-building," he said.

Elaborating on these ideas, Chairman of the NSW Country Mayor Association, Temora Shire Mayor, Rick Firman OAM, said: "Local Government is the tier of government closest to the people. Every day across NSW, councils are creating and maintaining the communities that we all live, work and play in," he said.

The Country Mayor Association has 92 Members across rural, regional and remote NSW, from the 129 local councils across the State.

"Local Government is not merely an administrative layer — it is the living, breathing heart of every community, shaping our neighbourhoods, building futures, and responding to challenges with resilience and innovation," Mayor Firman said.

"Our Local Government sector in NSW is also a powerhouse in its own right, contributing more than \$6 billion annually to the State's economy. Councils manage assets worth billions of dollars, including roads, bridges, community centres, and recreational facilities. Through prudent management, councils ensure that these vital resources continue to serve both current and future generations" Mayor Firman said.

Coonamble Shire residents, ratepayers, club and organisation representatives, business owners and farmers are welcome to make an appointment to speak with a Councillor on Friday by calling Council on (02) 6827 1900.

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