

From the Mayor – February 2021

The first Council meeting for 2021 was held on Wednesday 10 February.

Prior to reporting on my activities over the past month, I offer my personal congratulations to the winners of the Australia Day Awards at both Coonamble and Gulargambone. I also commend those who made the effort to nominate all the worthy nominees – well done to all! Council staff organised a great morning of celebration at the Showground, followed in the afternoon with free fun at the pool.

Following the presentation from Ochre Health at the December meeting, the General Manager and I met with representatives of the Western NSW Local Health District earlier in the month to further discuss health services which will be available to the community following the acceptance of the tender by Ochre Health and other health related issues.

Five of Council's long serving staff were invited to lunch on meeting day to honour their loyal commitment and dedication to service. Those employees were Steven Smith (40 years); Vicky Fulmer (30 years); Jenny Langlands (30 years); Raquel Pickering (20 years) and Andrew Morley (20 years). On behalf of Council and management I personally thank and congratulate these people and trust they continue to serve their community in the various roles they undertake with Council.

I was saddened to learn of the recent death of Mrs Lilliane Brady OAM, the long serving Mayor of Cobar Shire Council. Mrs Brady was in her 90th year and still going strong. Ironically, it was only a week or so ago that she featured in the ABC documentary Back Roads Cobar which, I believe, was filmed late last year. A tribute well deserved and, as a mark of respect, Council stood in one minute's silence to remember a wonderful ambassador for her community, the Western Region and for everything local government represents. Council sends its most sincere condolences to her family.

Should anyone wish to contact me to discuss issues or concerns, please phone 0427 887 666.

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