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Centre of Attention

The Councillors of the Central NSW Joint Organisation and members of peak agencies from across the region are conferencing at Charles Sturt University to focus attention on the future of the region. The region will be hearing from a variety of speakers in health, transport, aging, education, energy, water and the circular economy. The attendees will then voice their thoughts on priorities.

"Councils have four years cycles of planning and implementation. A lot has happened in the last four years and it is important to have our Councillors, who are the democratically elected representatives of our communities, inform the direction of the region's future," said Cr Kevin Beatty, Chair of Central NSW Joint Organisation and Mayor of Cabonne Council.

RDA Central West is excited to be involved and partner with Central NSW Joint Organisation at this special event," said Ruth Fagan, Chair, RDA Central West. "We are keen to listen to the voice of the region and advocate for strong regional plans and projects."

"Charles Sturt University is looking forward to hosting the Central NSW Joint Organisation Conference at our Bloomfield campus, said Professor Mark Evans, Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, Charles Sturt University. "We are confident that this will be a watershed moment in how we can work together to find solutions to our common concerns across the region in water, energy, and waste management, public access to transport and the need to build high quality health and ageing services" said Professor Evans.

"The University is very grateful for the support of Central NSW joint Organisation of Councils, including the very generous scholarships they provide to Central West students to help them study Medicine here in the region. This is truly a century in which local governance comes to the fore" concluded Professor Evans.

"The key to our region's strength has always been our ability to collaborate and Business NSW is excited to be a part of this conference", said Vicki Seccombe, Regional Manager – Western NSW, Business NSW. "The business landscape looks entirely different to what it did four years ago and now is the right time to be a part of a discussion that will be shaping the direction of Central NSW for the future."

"This region has a strong reputation for its collaboration. By working together and speaking with one voice we know that the investment and support from other levels of government is more likely," said Cr Kevin Beatty.

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