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Lithgow Proclaimed as a member of the Central NSW Joint Organisation



Picture Caption: Central NSW Joint Organisation Board members from left to right – Cr Bill West, Mayor of Cowra, Cr David Somerville Deputy Mayor of Blayney, Cr Phyllis Miller, Mayor of Forbes, Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor of Cabonne and Chair, Cr John Medcalf Mayor of Lachlan, Cr Mark Kellam, Mayor of Oberon and Deputy Chair, Cr Maree Statham Mayor of Lithgow City, Cr Ken Keith, Mayor of Parkes and Cr Craig Bembrick Mayor of Weddin meet in Forbes.

The Lithgow community has been recognised for its role in the region in the recent Proclamation by the NSW Government including Lithgow City Council in the Central NSW Joint Organisation.

“Joint Organisations were created under the Local Government Act to enable Councils to work together on regional priorities that matter to our communities,” said Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor of Cabonne and Chair of Central NSW Joint Organisation

“These include our transport linkages, water security, energy future, regional prosperity, health and telecommunications,” said Cr Kevin Beatty



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“Lithgow has similar priorities and it is pleasing to see the significant amount of grant funding the Joint Organisation brings,” said Cr Maree Statham, Mayor of Lithgow City.

“With the transition of the energy sector impacting regional communities the most, and Lithgow in particular, we need to speak with one voice in the region to ensure we have the support to ensure a bright future,” said Cr Statham.

Central NSW Joint Organisation is also proud of the cost savings and other value it provides to its member Council.

“We save Councils across the region millions of dollars every year as well as bringing grant funding to help Councils and their communities. Local government has to do so much with so little,” said Cr Beatty.

Mayor Statham attended the recent Joint Organisation Board meeting in Forbes. “We had an excellent briefing on health and I was pleased to become a Portfolio Mayor for Health under the leadership of Cr Phyllis Miller, Mayor of Forbes,” said Cr Statham.

“The Mayors of the region have been working with the Minister for Local Government for some time to enable the Proclamation. We are united in our welcome of Lithgow,” said Cr Kevin Beatty.

The next meeting of the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board will be in Canberra. “It is important to hear from the Ministers of the Federal Government and put our priorities in front of them,” said Cr Beatty.

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