

Council happenings . . .

with Mayor
Glenn Wall

International Women's Day 12th March

WE'RE NOT JUST GIRLS'; that's the theme of Dungog Shire's International Women's Day Celebration 2009. You're invited to share a day with local women who have achieved greatness with the choices they've made in their lives. The day will be held at Dungog CWA Hall on Thursday 12th March at 9.30 am at the Dungog CWA Hall.

Come along and let the community know you're not just a girl or a woman! Demonstrate that you are a person with an identity and you can achieve greatness with the choices you make and support the community you live in.

There is no cost, just simply your time! This day is sponsored & supported by Dungog Shire Council and the Office of Women - NSW Premiers Department. Any enquiries can be directed to Mrs Tracey Lowrey on 4995 7777.

Regional Development Australia Committees

The Commonwealth and NSW Governments have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the new joint Commonwealth-State regional development arrangement under Regional Development Australia RDA. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) laid the foundation for the new relationship between the Australian and NSW governments. Both Governments have advised that Local Government will also have a strong role in Regional Development Australia (RDA).

Membership is being sought from a wide cross section of community members who can demonstrate a commitment to the future of their regions. **Local Government** will also be represented on the new committees. The new Regional Development Australia committees replace the 14 NSW Area Consultative Committees (ACCs) and the State's 13 Regional Development Boards (RDBs). The members of these committees have been consulted and are contributing to the implementation of the new arrangements.

The NSW signatory, Minister for Regional Development, the Hon. Phillip Costa, said the next step would be to fill the new RDA committees with people committed to the development of their regions and with the ability to strongly represent the grass-roots views from their regions. Existing funding for the current boards (Commonwealth and NSW) will transfer to the new Regional Development Australia. The Regional Development Australia committees will help all government agencies to focus their work on the priorities identified by each community. I would urge Community minded people within our Shire to consider nominating. Closing date for applications is 27 March 2009.

Fresh Food Kids Community Grants 2009

Applications for 2009 Woolworths Community Grants programs are now open. To give your organisation the opportunity to receive up to \$5,000 in funding the following criteria must be met. Only one application per organisation will be accepted, Community Grants will not be provided for adult activity, facility or playground upgrades, public works programs, supervision fees, coaching fees or travel expenses and Your organisation must have an operating bank account set up in your organisation's name. You will be asked to include the bank account name in the application form.

Applications can only be submitted using the online application form. Visit www.freshfoodkids.com.au/community/community-grants/apply/ for further information. Applications close 11.59pm Monday April 6th 2009.

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