

# Council happenings . . .

with Mayor  
Glenn Wall

## Clarence Town "Old Quarry" Sportsground

Recently, an article appeared in the "Chronicle" advising the Community that Council has submitted a Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Project Grant Application to construct a new Regional Sports Facility where the "Old Quarry" site is. The project cost is \$6,284,335.00 with \$4,083,290.00 being requested as Grant Funding under the program.

Community support is a major consideration when Government assesses Grant Applications. I would request that all the Sporting Organisations within Dungog Shire, those with genuine interest and obviously the Community of Clarence Town write letters of support regarding the project. These letters can be forwarded to the Member for Paterson. The Hon Bob Baldwin MP. PO Box 156, Raymond Terrace. NSW, 2324.

## Gresford Showground Trustees Congratulations

Over the past few weeks, the combined efforts of the Gresford Showground Park Trust and all the Ground Users has well a truly come to fruition. Since 2000 the Showground users and trustees have stuck rigorously to their plan of management and infrastructure upgrade program, which has seen over one million dollars of work being undertaken on the ground. They have achieved this by submitting numerous grant applications, using their own funding and an incredible amount of in kind support from business and the local Community.

The old adage, that success breeds success, is certainly true, and rarely is the improved camping and caravan facility without patrons and the main arena which has undergone levelling and had arena lighting installed is used with much greater frequency.

The success of the Showground improvement program has not only reinvigorated the grounds, but also improves the economic development of the Community and generates income for the greater Business fraternity.

I would extend to all those involved with the Showground over the years, my sincere congratulations and applaud and offer sincere thanks to the individuals, businesses and all levels of Government who have contributed so much to the Gresford Showground over the years.

## ANZAC Day 2009

Regarding ANZAC Day 2009, I would ask all to stop and spare a thought for the men and women of Australia's Defence Forces and if possible attend the ANZAC Day Services. Again over the past weeks another two fine young Australians have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our Nation and we offer their Families our Prayers and thoughts.

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service notices will be available in the Chronicle and I would urge people to look at their Local Community Newsletters for the Services in Gresford, Paterson and Clarence Town.

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