

## **From the Mayor – November 2020**

### **Reaping optimism and positivity from local harvest activity**

I would like to comment on the wonderful atmosphere resulting from a great harvest which is creating a huge buzz around the town and district. It is many years since we have seen such activity in our shire.

The grain delivery sites are like mini-cities in the night, with lights illuminating the areas with the never-ending arrival and departure of trucks carrying the grain.

A big thank you to my colleagues who interrupted their harvest duties to attend the meeting.

### **Lest We Forget**

Our November Meeting coincided with Remembrance Day. The meeting was adjourned for Councillors and staff to pay their respects to our fallen heroes.

The service was very different this year due to restrictions on numbers because of COVID-19, although it was wonderful to see some school children present along with members of the public. After a short address, wreaths were laid and the service concluded.

### **Grants projects inspected**

Mark Coulton MP, Federal Member for Parkes, paid a visit and inspected the project that is grant-funded by the Federal Government. One of special interest was the upgrade of Coonamble Sportsground.

On the same topic, Council awarded a tender for the design, supply and installation of sports lighting at the sportsground to O'Brien Electrical Dubbo, valued at \$617,120.

Increased lighting scope over outlying areas will give flexibility for future reconfiguration of playing fields and car parking.

This funding is part of Council's successful application to the Drought Communities Program–Extension.

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

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