

## **A.R.BLUETT MEMORIAL AWARD 2009/2010**

SHIRES ASSOCIATION - HIGHLY COMMENDED - CABONNE COUNCIL

MAYOR : CR. BOB DOWLING  
GENERAL MANAGER : GRAEME FLEMING  
POPULATION : 12,396  
AREA : 6,108 sq. km

### **CITATION**

Cabonne Council is a rural shire situated in a very productive part of the Central Western area of New South Wales. The Council has a proud history of significant achievement and innovation, and is noted for the success of the strategic alliance established with Wellington and Blayney Councils in 2003.

It is rare for the Trustees to make a Highly Commended Award, and they do so only when a Council has had an exceptional year of relative progress and falls just short of winning the major award.

Cabonne Council impressed the Trustees with the strong representation given to the eleven (11) towns and villages within their area – they have empowered and supported these communities with regular consultation, personal contact and well- considered resourcing.

Cabonne Council's impressive list of achievements in 2009/2010 includes:

- Completion and opening of the \$3.6m Waluwin Community Centre, Australia's first fully integrated primary health and community care facility located in Molong.
- The \$17.5m Four Towns Sewerage Scheme which has seen the commissioning of the service in Cudal, near completion in Manildra and design works completed for Yeoval and Cumnock.
- A \$12m roadworks program across the shire, and replacement of 3 timber bridges at a cost of \$1.36m.
- Completion of enhanced facilities at six of the council's seven public swimming pools.
- A particularly strong economic development program, headed by a Small Towns Development Group.
- A 30% increase in the already busy Community Transport Scheme
- Excellent initiatives in Tourism development, the Animals on Bikes tourist trail, heritage listings and youth services.
- Environmental sustainability projects such as the 5 kilowatt solar power generating system and the rehabilitation of 20 kilometres of Molong Creek.

The Trustees congratulate Mayor Bob Dowling , General Manager Graeme Fleming , the Councillors and staff of Cabonne Council on a significant year of achievements.

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