



MEDIA RELEASE

NSW Cabinet heading to Bourke

Bourke Shire Mayor, Councillor Barry Hollman, today expressed his delight at the announcement that the Premier of NSW, The Hon Gladys Berejiklian, Deputy Premier, The Hon John Barilaro, and the entire Ministerial Cabinet would be visiting Bourke on Monday 25 November 2019.

"Monday 25 November will be a most important day for not only the Bourke community, but also for the Far West Region of NSW", Councillor Hollman said.

He continued, "The purpose of the visit is to allow the Premier, the Deputy Premier and the various Cabinet Ministers, 24 in total, to hear directly from community members in respect of the important issues and priorities affecting Bourke and the region. This visit is most timely as Bourke Shire, and the wider region, continues to be impacted by the drought and the associated water, health and social issues. I thank the Premier and her team for taking the time to travel to our Shire and talk with our community."

Clr Hollman noted that along with a session to allow Ministers to meet with members of the community to hear directly of issues and priorities, a Community Morning Tea would also be held on the day.

Mayor Hollman encouraged the community to get involved and in doing so referred residents to the Bourke Shire Council website, www.bourke.nsw.gov.au, with full details available under the Noticeboard Section on the Front Page of the website.

"To get involved by way of a meeting with a Minister it is necessary to express an interest by completing an online form. Similarly, to attend the Morning Tea, it is necessary that members of the community register online."

The Mayor continued, "In addition to the Premier and her Cabinet being in Bourke on Monday 25 November, the first flights from Dubbo to Bourke and return under the Far North West Joint Organisation Air Services Contract will take place that day. It is some 12 years since Bourke has had Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) flights and Council is most appreciative of the significant funding that the NSW Government has provided to make these flights a reality."

Mayor Hollman further noted that top rating Sydney Broadcaster, Alan Jones AO, would be broadcasting his Radio 2GB Alan Jones Breakfast Show from the Bourke Bowling Club from 5.30am to 9.00am on the Monday Morning.

"Described by many as the "nations greatest orator and motivational speaker", Mr Jones's broadcast from Bourke will bring a rare focus to Bourke." Councillor Hollman said.

He concluded by saying, "I look forward to welcoming the Premier and her Cabinet, the initial Airlink flight to Bourke and Mr Alan Jones AO to the Shire of Bourke."

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