



# Walgett Shire Council

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- Opal FM

### PRINT MEDIA

- \*\*  Walgett Spectator
- Mungindi Matters
- Daily Liberal – Dubbo
- Western Magazine
- North West Magazine
- Sydney Morning Herald

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- WIN (Dubbo)
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## Council invites input into Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan review.

Over the coming month Walgett Shire Council community development team will begin to undertake a review of its current (ARAP) Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan.

An Information sheet and current ARAP has been sent out to many of the services and organisations across the Shire with an interest, supported by media and promotion on Councils website: [www.walgett.nsw.gov.au](http://www.walgett.nsw.gov.au)

Councils Chief Financial Officer Mr Mike Urquhart said, “This is a most important phase in reviewing the existing plan and many of the current actions will not be relevant, the method of consultation our community development staff will be utilizing will see one on one conversation with interested parties and will undoubtedly assist Council to better understand the areas of improvement required and the direction in which the Plan takes”

Council encourages community services/organisations/ agencies and individuals to become involved in this process in a bid to update the current ARAP to a Plan that is achievable, relevant and reflective of the whole of Shire.

There is currently a number of strategies and policies in place recognising and celebrating Aboriginal culture and heritage and the important roles and ongoing contribution to our society by Aboriginal people.

If you would like to be involved please contact Mr Stephen Ruttley on 0268 286134 – [sruttley@walgett.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sruttley@walgett.nsw.gov.au) to register your interest. Registration of interest ceases by C.O.B 19<sup>th</sup> May. Once Council has identified those that wish to be involved, a community consultation plan is to be developed and the process will be undertaken.

***For further information please contact***

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