

Message from the Chair

There are so many different ways we can each give back to our communities but being a member of Committee 4 Wagga has to be up there with the best and most rewarding.

It is a committee that exists for no other reason than its members' care – caring about the people in their city, the harmony within our community and for a sustainable and thoughtful future for our region.

I cannot begin without thanking our executive team made up of executive assistants Michelle Ford and Sophie Uden and our new CEO Scott Sanbrook.

When I use the word “team”, I don't use it lightly. These remarkable people pull everything together from co-ordinating our School Leaders program to organising each C4W event, as well as ensuring we stay on track with our administrative obligations and contact with our members.

The Board of Management and Sophie and Michelle were relieved and excited about the appointment of Scott Sanbrook to the role of CEO after a small gap when former CEO Brett Somerville stepped down.

Scott is an absolute asset for our organisation and his softly spoken, diplomatic and calculated approach is admired by everyone who deals with him. He is a joy to work with and I love that he is never afraid to throw ideas into the ring and think outside the square when approaching challenges and obstacles. Welcome Scott and thank you Sophie and Michelle.

We formally acknowledged the great work Brett Somerville had done in the position of CEO at a farewell event for both Brett and Justeen Kirk, our former Chair, in August this year. I would like to once again thank Justeen and Brett for their passion, determination and leadership while at the helm of Committee 4 Wagga. Scott and I only hope we can do them both proud as their successors.

2022 has been a fantastic and exciting year for Committee 4 Wagga. Scott has touched on the success of the inaugural Business Summit and School Leaders program - both of which will continue in 2023 - however, your membership dollars have also gone towards an extraordinary number of activities this year alone. It would be too long to go into depth on each of these, however, as a snapshot Committee 4 Wagga was involved in:

- 10 Year Celebration with Documentary “10 Years Strong”, highlighting the many achievements during the first 10 years of operation
- Supported the Pro Patria Centre Launch
- Created and hosted the Welcome to Wagga for new residents which will continue to be held every 6 months
- Mentor program within School Leaders
- Attended updates, hosted talks and supported the development of the Wagga Special Activation Precinct and RiFL projects
- Attended and contributed to the ongoing discussions supporting housing supply and land development in Wagga Wagga
- Sponsored and supported the release of the 2022 Land Monitor Report authored by RDA Riverina and driven by HIA Wagga
- Hosted the Cocktail evening and attended the Peak Shippers Association Conference
- Co-hosted the CBA Breakfast with special guest, CEO of CBA Matt Comyn
- Prioritised our top projects and programs moving forward with a focus in the lead up to the State election on the Feasibility Study being funded towards a northern suburbs linkage to CBD (currently known as the duplication of the Gobba Bridge)
- Set up regular meetings with Wagga City Council to voice concerns of our members and communicate back to our members updates on council projects, challenges and potential solutions
- Confirmed quarterly meetings with both our State and Federal representatives to raise issues on behalf of our members

I would like to personally thank each member of the Board of Management who volunteer their time to Committee 4 Wagga and ask nothing in return. I would, however, like to first of all acknowledge the outstanding work of our secretary David Bardos, who is stepping down from the Board after contributing so much to the C4W team. David will be sorely missed by every member of our Board as his knowledge, determination and persistence were undeniable - not to mention I think he has the largest contact list in a phone I have ever seen. We wish you well on your future endeavours, David, and please know our relationship will continue no doubt in some capacity moving forward.

Our Board Members are:

Vice-chair Richard Pottie from Ladex

Secretary David Bardos (stepping down) Port of Melbourne

Treasurer and 10-year Board Member Matthew Moloney of WDF

10 -year Board Member Scott Braid of Wagga Motors

Tania Contogeorge of Sureway Employment and Training

Nick Abraham of CBA

Glenn Cox of ANZ

Rebecca Hardy of Enirgi

Sam Beresford of CSU

Richard Allsopp of Rundles Auctions

Thank you to our Board.

The future is not only bright for Wagga Wagga, it is blazing with opportunity, excitement, growth and positivity. Yes, we will see some challenges and growing pains in the coming months. But Wagga will always overcome these challenges because we are a community of go getters, a community of collaborators and a community that sets the bar so high our only option is to succeed.



Adam Drummond
Chairperson

