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Shelley calls for balanced growth

BALANCING development with agriculture and heritage, creating jobs and providing services for families are major priorities for Cr Peter Shelley.

Cr Shelley said in his 10 years on Mid-Western Regional Shire Council, he has always fought for the community.

"Basically I am standing because I have been asked to by the community who are happy for with the way I have been fighting for them, and if I didn't run, I'm confident that some towns would be left behind," he said.

Cr Shelley said while he would definitely work for progress for Rylstone and Kandos, he would also represent Mudgee and Gulgong.

"I am concerned in this election that representatives have not been acting in the best interest of the region," he said. "Ego has come before the right decisions.

"I believe every candidate running for council should be chosen on what they have done, rather than what they say they are going to do.

"You can't promise the



Peter Shelley says he will continue to fight for the community if re-elected to Mid-Western Regional Council.

Pre-School, and a complete rehabilitation of Angus Avenue in Kandos.

"I believe that Bylong Valley Way should be made a state road," he said. "Council did the road as a rural road but with the growth in traffic, it should be made into a state road."

Cr Shelley also believes that names should be removed from development applications before they are put to council for approval, so that decisions can be made impartially.

Cr Shelley said that Mid-Western Regional Council has to fiscally responsible but also ensure that funding is spread equitably across the region.

"The only money we have is from rates, fees and charges and state and federal funding," he said.

"We have done pretty well with not increasing the rates."

Cr Shelley said Mid-Western Regional Council was Fit for the Future except in its infrastructure maintenance backlog.

"If the State Government

Plans to redevelop Rylstone MPS

THE Rylstone Multipurpose Service (MPS) has thanked the local community for their attending recent community information sessions about the Rylstone MPS redevelopment project.

Two community information sessions were held to update the local community on the proposed Rylstone MPS redevelopment project.

The sessions included a display of the draft proposed plans for the redevelopment and a discussion about how the plans will improve health services for the Rylstone community. Staff from the Rylstone MPS, Western NSW Local Health District and

Health Infrastructure who are assisting with the project were in attendance and answered questions from the community.

The Rylstone MPS redevelopment project involves extensions and refurbishment to several areas of the MPS, including new residential aged care rooms, a reconfigured acute area, modification to the Health One building and a new staff accommodation building.

The project is still in the planning phase, and further details including a time-frame for the construction phase will be determined once planning is finalised.

Funding available for regional events

ROUND two of Mid-Western Regional Council's Events Assistance Program is now open for applications.

The Program is open to not-for-profit events that are being held in the first half of 2017.

Council's General Manager Brad Cam says that the Program requires events to demonstrate the value they provide to the community

omy and attract visitors to the region.

"We are encouraging event organisers to apply now for funding of up to \$2,500 for events taking place from January 1 to June 30, 2017," Mr Cam said.

Applications close on October 1. While applications may be received outside of these times, funding is not guaranteed.

Team D on the ballot paper. Cr Shelley said he would