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Country Mayors commend outgoing LGNSW President

The Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) Executive Board, our Members and I were saddened to learn of the unexpected retirement of our Local Government NSW (LGNSW) President, Cr Darriea Turley AM (Broken Hill).

'Cr Turley has given exceptional service to the Members of LGNSW, and she will be missed', CMA Chairman, Mayor Rick Firman OAM (Temora Shire) said. 'CMA have had a close professional relationship with Cr Turley during her tenure, given we have a Memorandum of Understanding between both organisations'.

'Cr Turley has found herself in a rather unusual situation, with her Council of Broken Hill having resigned as Members of LGNSW. The CMA Board, Members and I have been impressed with the gracious manner in which Cr Turley has handled the matter – impressed but not surprised. We warmly thank Cr Turley for her dedicated service as our LGNSW President.', Mayor Firman added.

The CMA Board welcome the appointment of new President, Mayor Phyllis Miller OAM (Forbes Shire). Mayor Miller was the Rural/Regional Vice President for LGNSW and will serve as President of the peak body until its Annual General Meeting in November, 2025.

'Mayor Miller has been heavily involved with local government for decades – including being a current CMA Executive Board member as well as a Past President of the NSW Shires Association and past Vice-President of the Australian Local Government Association. She's earned solid respect from all levels of government – including the Opposition of the day - for her genuine, forthright, considered and determined manner', Mayor Firman said.

'I know how close Mayor Miller and Cr Turley are – both professionally and privately. It's been tough for them in recent weeks, however, the CMA knows that Mayor Miller will continue the terrific work of the now LGNSW Immediate Past President, Cr Turley. We wish Mayor Miller, her Board, CEO (Mr David Reynolds) and team nothing but the very best. CMA look forward to continue our strong relationship with LGNSW' Mayor Firman concluded.

Caption: Past Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) Chairman Jamie Chaffey, past President of Local Government NSW Cr. Darriea Turley AM and CMA Chairman, Temora Mayor Cr. Rick Firman OAM.

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