



Inspirational cop who defined integrity

EVEN former criminals turned up to pay their respects to the man many believe was a national hero. Former Detective Sergeant John Edlund was farewelled on Friday, with hundreds - including top brass from the NSW Police Force, and those he once arrested - commemorating the life of the anti-corruption campaigner during a moving ceremony at the Police Academy Chapel. ■ **More page 3**

Photos: Darryl Fernance

Now listen up, Council

BUSINESS SURVEY: GMC poor communicators, splinter groups 'a waste'

GOLBURN'S various splinter groups - and poor Council communication - are conspiring to create confusion among local businesses about the direction of the city.

The Business Retention and Expansion Project (BREP) - a comprehensive survey conducted on behalf of Goulburn Mulwaree Council late last year - found that there was a lack of confidence in Council.

Most of the 174 Goulburn busi-

nesses who participated in the survey noted the "disconnected action" of "other splinter groups" such as Goulburn Region Enterprise (GRE) and The Goulburn Group (TGG) as "a waste of resources".

Many businesses also felt the Chamber Of Commerce did not meet their expectations.

"There appears to be very little awareness of a defined direction for the future attraction of residents and business to Goulburn,"

BREP consultants, Crea8ing Growth, stated.

It also found that: "Over half of the participants expressed a lack of confidence in Council to work with them to really define, let alone, drive any real direction for Goulburn."

"Many of the interviewees also noted a lack of confidence in the Chamber of Commerce and some noted that the Chamber and Council were not working together."

Key findings of the Project - to be submitted to tomorrow's Economic Development And Tourism Advisory Committee - include:

- 50 per cent of businesses who responded regarded Goulburn as a "very good place" to conduct business, with 33pc indicating it was "average";
- 62.5pc of respondents expected demand and turnover to increase over the next two years'
- 23pc expected employment

to rise, with 67pc not anticipating any expansion;

- 15pc of businesses advised they were thinking about relocating;

- 45.9pc were experiencing recruitment difficulties, citing the unwillingness of skilled workers to move here and that staff had a "poor work attitude";

- 82.5pc said they would be interested in participating in training initiatives;

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