

It's back to business

By LOUISE THROWER

MAYOR Geoff Kettle is hoping for a slicker format when he and colleagues join more than 600 delegates at this week's local government conference in Dubbo.

He, Deputy Mayor Bob Kirk, Crs

Robin Saville and Margaret O'Neill and general manager Chris Berry are attending the three-day conference, which opens today.

It is the last gathering under the NSW Local Government Association banner.

Next year this organisation and the Shires representative body

will form one association.

Cr Kettle and his colleagues were scathing of last year's conference in Nowra, at which only 50 of the 152 motions were debated.

Delegates left early, often leaving motions without a quorum, including Goulburn Mulwaree's regarding community enhance-

ment and a call for more accountability within the Association to follow through on decisions.

The Mayor has taken up his concerns with the organisation in letters and several forums.

The council does not have any motions for this week's conference, staged at the Dubbo

Regional Theatre and Convention Centre.

Cr Kettle said the format was better this year.

"We have said they should be getting down to the business of debating rather than listening to sponsors," he said.

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OUR FAB FUNDRAISING TYPES

YESTERDAY'S inaugural Goulburn Walk To Cure Diabetes was so much more than just a stroll in the park.

Months of hard work by volunteers and the generous backing by a host of local businesses paid off, with

organisers raising at least \$8000 that will go towards research to help find a cure for Type 1 diabetes.

Among the more than 200 people at the Victoria Park event were Diabetes Walk For Cure Goulburn committee

(pictured, from left) Jo Boyd, Belinda Critchlow, Janelle Hunt, Sue Soley, Monica Howard, Leanne Bush, Jim Webb and Type 1 ambassador, Corey Plumb.

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