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Governor of New South Wales Visits Bland Shire

The Bland Shire had the distinct honour of hosting Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, during her recent visit to the region. The visit included a mayoral reception, where Her Excellency was welcomed by Bland Shire Mayor, Councillors, Australia Day award winners, Ambassadors and principals of local schools.

The reception, held in her honour, served as an opportunity for local leaders to engage with the Governor and discuss the opportunities and challenges facing the Shire. In attendance were Bland Shire Councillors, Australia Day award winners, Ambassadors and educational leaders, including principals from the area's primary and secondary schools, who were able to share the importance of education in their communities and the region's bright future.

Her Excellency also visited key community sites throughout the Shire, including local schools, the hospital, and the Evolution Mining Lake Cowal operation, where she had the opportunity to engage with residents and staff. The visit highlighted the Shire's commitment to education, healthcare, and industry, and allowed the Governor to gain a deeper understanding of the unique opportunities and challenges faced by rural communities in New South Wales.

During her visit, Her Excellency highlighted the important role of volunteering in rural communities. She praised the strong sense of community in these areas, where volunteers play a crucial part in supporting their neighbors and enriching local life. The Governor encouraged continued volunteer involvement, stressing its importance for building resilience and social connection in rural New South Wales.

Mayor of Bland Shire, Brian Monaghan expressed his gratitude for the Governor's visit, noting, "We are deeply honoured to welcome Her Excellency to our Shire. Her visit emphasises the importance of regional areas like the Bland Shire and we are grateful for the opportunity to showcase the work being done here to enhance the lives of our residents."

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The visit of Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC was a momentous occasion for Bland Shire, highlighting the vital role of regional development, education, healthcare, and industry in shaping the future of rural communities.

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