



Biggest train record broken at Bowmans

A RECORD was broken at Bowmans Intermodal last week, the depot hosting and working on its longest and heaviest train since opening for business. Bowmans Intermodal CEO, Scott McKay, said the first part of the hard stand extension helped accommodate the 55-wagon 860m train with 3747 trailing tonnes. Another 500m2 of hard stand and rail duplication has been scheduled for the first half of 2017, which will improve efficiencies at the site even more. PICTURED are: (from left) Sean Dunstall (terminal supervisor), Melinda Maher (rail operations manager), Ted Bowden (train driver) and Daniel Seal (train driver). INSET: A view of the train from the air. MAIN IMAGE: LISA SCHULZ INSET: ChuckTSeeker

# AGM marks tumultuous 12 months for Mallala council

DISTRICT Council of Mallala Ratepayers' Association will hold its first AGM on Monday night, almost a year to the day after the lobby group was formed.

DCM CEO, James Miller, will provide the keynote address, while potential candidates for the vacant Lewiston Ward spot will also be interviewed.

The ratepayers association will also appoint executive positions.

Association president, John Lush, said residents in the district had ignored local government to

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their detriment for too long and encouraged others to take an interest.

"I believe over the years we haven't shown enough interest in local government, our level of apathy towards it was not healthy and as a result, we haven't been delivered good, efficient local government," he said.

Since the appointment of CEO, James Miller, Mr Lush said the group's relationship with council had improved, including regular

meetings with DCM management.

"James has been very approachable, even though he has had a lot on his plate," Mr Lush said.

It has been a massive 12 months, starting with the special meeting in the Mallala Institute where the proposed shift of council's administration to Two Wells was canned.

This was followed by the departure of mayor, Duncan Kennington, and Katrina Marton as CEO, and the Pinery Fire devastated the district.

Marcus Strudwicke acted as mayor and lost the mayoral elec-

tion to Tony Flaherty, and James Miller was appointed CEO after a few months acting in the position when DCM was largely on its knees recovering from the blaze.

Mr Lush said the ratepayers' association was actively working to ensure DCM continued to operate efficiently and deliver cost effective outcomes for ratepayers.

"We have contributed a lot by way of communicating what ratepayers expect regarding council's finances and services," he said.

The meeting starts at 7pm in the Two Wells Community Centre.



DCM Ratepayers Association president, John Lush, plans to stay in the role for another year.

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