

Forbes Shire Council secured a major award

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Forbes Shire Council secured a major award for Engineering excellence, for the construction of the Central West livestock Exchange, presented at the Institute Public Works Engineering Australia (NSW Division) Conference last night in Sydney,

Mayor Alister Lockhart, General Manager Chris Devitt and Director of Engineering and Technical Services Bruce Morris were on hand at the presentation to accept the excellence award in the category of "New or Improved Techniques" which recognizes the innovation and new technology utilized in the construction of the new saleyards.

These awards are open to all Councils in NSW, both rural and metropolitan. For this project to receive this award ahead of many other innovative engineering projects from much larger Councils in NSW clearly demonstrates the high standard of engineering being employed at Forbes Council in its major infrastructure projects.

"The judges actually commented that this was the stand out project of all the projects they had to assess across all categories for this years awards" Cr Lockhart said. "This award is a great acknowledgement of the efforts of so many people involved in this project, from initial investigation and design which commenced over 10 years ago, through to the actual construction of the complex and its successful operation over the past 5 months"

The judges citation stated "Construction of the new Central West Livestock Exchange at Forbes has raised the bar significantly on the standard of stock selling centres, with its focus on animal welfare, environmental compliance, OH&S and functional design."