
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 4 MAY 2022
BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE – URGENT MATTERS

This item is presented to Council as Business Without Notice – Urgent Matters in accordance with Clause 9.3 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as Council will need to formally endorse its membership to the Alliance of Western Councils prior to the next Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 22 June 2022.

MAYORAL MINUTE - ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS

Following Council's resignation from the Orana Joint Organisation, a number of Councils have been working to form an Alliance, based largely on the model of the Orana Organisation of Councils.

The aim of the Alliance of Western Councils to advocate to State and Federal Government, collaborate with Councils on common issues, support each LGA on issues specific to their Council, network together for the benefit of delivering better local governance and outcomes for their communities and to resource share where possible.

The Board of the Alliance consists of the Mayor and General Manager (or delegate) of each member council. Officials of the Alliance are the Chair and two Deputy Chairs.

The General Managers Advisory Committee (GMAC) consists of the General Manager/Acting General Manager from each member council. GMAC provides advice and recommendations to the Board of the Alliance.

Regional collaboration and networking groups (i.e. Orana Water Utilities Alliance; Regional HR Professionals) etc. will have a sponsor general manager to support the group and provide a conduit for communication with GMAC.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Alliance of Western Councils was held on 30 March 2022. At this meeting, I was elected Chair of the Alliance, with Mayor Milton Quigley elected as Deputy Chair 1 and Mayor Glenn Neil elected as Deputy Chair 2. Minutes of the inaugural meeting will be presented to Council once finalised.

The Board of the Alliance of Western Councils will hold meetings quarterly. The Annual General Meeting of the Alliance will be held on 1 July 2022.

Member councils will be charged a flat fee of \$5,000 to cover the establishment costs and secretariat service of the alliance for the coming 12 months.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council determine the matter is of great urgency and that this matter be considered at the meeting.
2. That Council endorses its membership to the Alliance of Western Councils.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor
