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**MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

held on

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 2025

PRESENT

Councillors Ewen Jones (Mayor and Chair), Stacey Bohm (Deputy Mayor), Craig Davies, Les Lambert, Lachlan Roberts, Peter Howe, Brian Leak, Judy Smith, Adine Hoey and Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager), Mr Phil Johnston (Director Community & Economic Development), Ms Melanie Slimming (Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services), Mr Barry Bonthuys (Director Finance & Corporate Strategy), Mrs Marion Truscott (Director Governance) and Mrs Sally McDonnell (Minute Taker).

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

MEETING PROCEDURE

The Chair requested that all mobile phones are placed on silent or turned off during the meeting and advised that the meeting is being recorded and will be uploaded to Council's website, and persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements. This meeting must not be recorded by others without prior written consent of Council. Any person who engages in disorderly conduct may be expelled from the meeting.

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer was led by Rev. Luke Merriman and recited by those present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was made by the Chair.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

The Statement of Ethical Obligations was made by the Chair.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 April 2025 be adopted.

2025/360

Cr Lambert inquired about the question taken on notice at the previous meeting regarding restrictions on secondary dwellings. The General Manager advised that the matter is still on notice, and a response will be provided.

MAYORAL MINUTE**1. MAYORAL DIARY**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that the information be noted.

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2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Hoey that the information be noted.

2025/362

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**1. NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION CENTRAL WEST ZONE MEETING**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Howe that the information be noted.

2025/363

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER**1. DRAFT INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTS**

It was moved Crs Bohm/Howe;

1. That the Community Strategic Plan 2035 be endorsed.
2. That the draft Long-Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Policy, Strategy and Plans, Delivery Program and Operational Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with written submissions considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 25 June 2025.
3. That the draft Macquarie Regional Library 2025/26 Budget, fees and charges, Operational Plan and Delivery Program 2025-2029 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with written submissions considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 25 June 2025.

RESOLVED Crs Smith/Howe that the words 'that are safe and sustainable' be added at the end of Strategy 2.3.1 on page 23 of the Community Strategic Plan.

2025/364

Cr Smith raised a question regarding the Asset Management Plan for Waste (Page 11), asking whether the asset inspections for the Fire Protection System should be conducted more frequently, and seeking clarification on what exactly constitutes a Fire Protection System. The question was taken on notice.

It was moved Crs Bohm/Smith that the sewer fees for 2025/2026 are charged at zero percent, for 2026/2027 are charged at 50% and 2027/2028 are charged at 100% to alleviate the 15% increase in Water fees.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER (Cont'd)**2. DRAFT INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTS (Cont'd)**

It was requested that a further report be presented to an Extraordinary Council meeting modelling the Sewer Charges, over a ten-year period with the following scenarios:

- 0% increase
- 50% reduction
- Zero charge
- 3% increase

With the concurrence of the mover and the seconder this was added to the motion.

The motion was put to the vote and CARRIED.

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3. RENTAL – PART 118-120 DANDALOO STREET, NARROMINE

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Council leases part 118 – 120 Dandaloo Street, Narromine for a two-year period, at a commencing lease fee of \$636.49 (Inc GST) per month, with an annual CPI increment to be applied thereafter.

2025/366

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY**1. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2025**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Smith;

1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio be received and noted;
2. That the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

2025/367

2. FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 APRIL 2025

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm;

1. That the financial report as at 31 March 2025 be received and noted.
2. That Council notes the material variances between the actual and estimated income and expenditure identified in the report.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY (Cont'd)**3. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – 31 MARCH 2025****RESOLVED** Crs Hoey/Lambert;

1. That the document entitled "Quarterly Budget Review Statement – 31 March 2025", as attached to the report, be noted;
2. That the variations of income, operating expenditure, capital expenditure and reserves as identified in the "Quarterly Budget Review Statement – 31 March 2025" be approved and voted.

2025/369**4. AUDIO SYSTEM COUNCIL CHAMBERS****It was moved** Crs Roberts/Leak to defer the item for further consideration.**An amendment was moved** Crs Bohm/Lambert that Council revisit this in 6 months after the Model Code of Meeting Practice changes have been advised.The amendment became the motion and was put to the vote and **CARRIED**.**2025/370**

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS****RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Lambert that the information be noted.**2025/371**

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**1. WORKS REPORT****RESOLVED** Crs Davies/Roberts that the information be noted.**2025/372****2. KURRAJONG TREES – NARROMINE CEMETERY UPDATE****RESOLVED** Crs Roberts/Hoey that the information be noted.**2025/373**

NOTICES OF MOTION**1. PARKES SAP – PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY**

It was moved Crs Smith/Howe that Narromine Shire Council write a letter to Parkes Shire Council which incorporates the following:

1. Expressing deep concern over the energy from waste incinerator proposal to be located in the Parkes SAP, in regards to the ramifications on the Narromine LGA's residents' health and environmental and agricultural impacts such as pollution and contamination.
2. Seeking clarification as to where the process is at the present time and provide a timeline for the proposal.
3. Requesting that Narromine Shire Council is kept apprised of the development's progress.
4. That Parkes Shire Council provide ongoing detailed information on the storage and disposal plans of all residue waste from the incineration process (namely fly ash and aggregate).

The motion was put to the vote and LOST.

Cr Smith called a division of the vote.

Those who voted for the motion were Crs Leak, Howe, Smith and Bohm.

Those who voted against the motion were Crs Jones, Roberts, Lambert, Hoey and Davies

2. HIGH SECURITY WATER EXTRACTION LICENCE

It was moved Crs Howe/Leak that Narromine Shire Council apply for a High Security Extraction Licence from the Macquarie River.

The motion was put to the vote and **LOST**.

RESOLVED Crs Smith/Lambert that Council look into pricing infrastructure and piping to supply parks and gardens in the Narromine township with untreated river water and report back to Council within 3 months.

2025/374

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS REPORT

Items from the Director Community and Economic Development.

1. PRICING OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS DERRIBONG STREET, TRANGIE

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Council considers the report of the Pricing of Residential Lots Derribong Street, Trangie in Closed Meeting in accordance with Section 10(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act as it considers commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person to supplied it. Early disclosure of this commercial information would put Council at a competitive disadvantage preventing Council from achieving a 'best value for money' outcome for the community.

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OPEN COUNCIL**Items from the Director Community and Economic Development.****1. PRICING OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS DERRIBONG ST, TRANGIE****Resolution from Closed Meeting****RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Davies;

1. That Council makes lots 6 and 7 as outlined in the draft layout plan available for sale to the Land and Housing Corporation at a price of \$69,500 per lot (excluding GST).
2. That the offer to the Land and Housing Corporation be subject to a sales contract being signed within two months of the subdivision being completed.
3. That Council makes lot 4 and 5 as outlined in the draft layout plan available for sale to the Western Area Local Health District at a price of \$69,500 per lot (excluding GST).
4. That the offer to the Western Area Local Health District be subject to a sales contract being signed within two months of the subdivision being completed.
5. That lots 1,2 & 3 as outlined in the draft layout plan be offered for sale via an agent at a price of \$74,500 per lot (excluding GST).
6. That the General Manager be delegated to negotiate the terms of each of the sales.
7. That the Common Seal be affixed to any sale documentation as required.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.22pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 7) were confirmed at a meeting held on the
day of _____ 2025 and are a full and accurate record of
proceedings of the meeting held on 14 May 2025.

Chair