



***DRAFT***

**MINUTES  
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

***held on***

**WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2025**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Ewen Jones (Mayor and Chair), Stacey Bohm (Deputy Mayor), Craig Davies, Les Lambert, 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 Prayer was led by Reverend Luke Merriman of the St Mary's Anglican Church and the Lord's Prayer was 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**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Bohm that the apology of Cr Roberts be noted and leave of absence be granted.

**2025/524**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Hoey that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 September 2025 be adopted.

**2025/525**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Hoey that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 1 October 2025 be adopted.

**2025/526**

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cr Stacey Bohm declared a non-pecuniary, not significant interest in item 3 – Reports to Council Community and Economic Development being Support for Narromine Business Collective, as she is on the general committee for the Narromine Business Collective.

Jane Redden (General Manager) declared a non-pecuniary but significant interest in item 3 – Reports to Council Community and Economic Development being Support for Narromine Business Collective, as Sara McCarthy (Secretary to Narromine Business Collective) is her future daughter in law.

**RESOLVED** Crs Davies/Smith that the Disclosures of Interests be accepted.

2025/527

**MAYORAL MINUTE****1. MAYORAL DIARY**

**RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Lambert that the information be noted.

2025/528

**2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY**

**RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Howe that the information be noted.

2025/529

**3. TRANGIE MEET AND GREET WITH COUNCILLORS**

**RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Smith that the information be noted.

2025/530

Jane Redden (General Manager) left the meeting room at 5.44pm.

**4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Mayor advised that the General Manager has declared a pecuniary interest in all matters concerning the Acciona Energia Wallaby Creek Wind Farm as she has received notification from Acciona Energia that a portion of her property is to be included in the study area for the proposed transmission line network from the Wallaby Creek Wind Farm to the Essential Energy 132kv switching station (Narromine South). She is the part owner, and her spouse is the owner, of the properties that are within the study area, which may lead to future economic benefit. As such, any matters in relation to the Acciona Energia Wallaby Creek Wind Farm need to be delegated to ensure no conflict of interest.

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MAYORAL MINUTE (Cont'd)**4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (Cont'd)**

**It was moved** Crs Davies/Lambert that the declaration of the General Manager's Pecuniary Conflict of Interest be noted and that any matters relating to the Acciona Energia Wallaby Creek Wind Farm be referred to the Director Community and Economic Development to deal with.

**At 5.48pm there was a power outage and the audio recording ceased.**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Davies that Council adjourn the meeting for a recess break.

**2025/531**

**Jane Redden (General Manager) returned to the meeting room during the recess break.**

**The meeting was reconvened at 6.06pm to finalise consideration of this item.**

**Jane Redden (General Manager) left the meeting room at 6.06pm.**

**The motion was subsequently put to the vote and CARRIED.**

**2025/532**

**Cr Howe called for a division of the vote.**

Those who voted for the motion were Crs Jones, Lambert, Bohm, Smith, Hoey, Leak and Davies.

Cr Howe voted against the motion.

**Jane Redden (General Manager) returned to the meeting room at 6.09pm.**

**The Chair noted that the power outage was widespread therefore, put the question to Council as to whether the meeting should proceed.**

**RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Davies that the meeting continue, noting it would not be audio recorded.

**2025/533**

The Chair again reminded all present that all mobile phones are placed on silent or turned off during the meeting, and persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements, and specifically that the meeting must not be recorded by others without prior written consent of Council and that, any person who engages in disorderly conduct may be expelled from the meeting.

**COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT****1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

**RESOLVED** Crs Davies/Hoey that the information be noted.

**2025/534**

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER****1. TOMINGLEY GOLD OPERATIONS (TGO) – COMMUNITY FUND PANEL**

**RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Davies that Council approves the allocation of funds from the TGO Community Fund as follows:

- Lifeline Central West –Men's Health Event in Narromine – Trivia with Purpose in December 2025 - \$10,000
- Narromine Christian School Home & School Committee – Year 6 Connect Event November 2025 and 2026 - \$2,500
- Narromine Community Kitchen – Funds for running the Community Kitchen - \$3,500
- Narromine Community Skills Project – Narromine Venetian Carnival and Community Christmas Party - \$6,785.
- Narromine Dolly Parton Festival – running of the Narromine Dolly Parton Festival October 2025 - \$10,000.
- Narromine Hospital Auxiliary – Purchase of Medical equipment at the Narromine Hospital - \$15,000.
- Narromine Parkrun – Installation of permanent signage for 5km loop track - \$5,000.
- Narromine Show Society – running of the Narromine Show - \$4,000.
- Narromine Soccer Club – to contribute to purchase of an automated robot line marker - \$3,500.
- Narromine Sporting Clays Association - build an extension annexe to the current Clubhouse - \$3,500.
- Narromine Tennis Club – build accessible toilet and hitting wall - \$5,000.
- THRIV3 Paddling Pathway Program – Community events at Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centres - \$3,000.

**2025/535**

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURNS**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Bohm that the information be noted.

**2025/536**

**3. LEASE OF UNUSED PUBLIC ROAD - TRANGIE**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Hoey;

1. That Council advertise its intention to lease unused public roadway traversing Lot 151 DP 227568 for a period of 5 years.
2. That should no public submissions be received following the 28-day period, the lease be entered into accordingly at a commencing rental of \$674.30 including GST per annum, with annual CPI increments to be applied thereafter.

**2025/537**

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY

## 1. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

**RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Hoey;

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.

2025/538

## 2. FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Hoey that the financial report as at 30 September 2025 be received and noted.

2025/539

## REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## 1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Davies that the information be noted.

2025/540

## 2. TRANGIE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING

**RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Smith;

1. That Council accepts the donation of land at 34 Dandaloo Street, Trangie known as Lot 3A DP400953.
2. That a suitable lease be developed between the Trangie Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and Council to allow for the ongoing display of the historical fire engine.
3. That once lot 3A DP 400953 is transferred to Council it be deemed as operational land.

2025/541

**Cr Stacey Bohm declared a non-pecuniary, not significant interest in item 3 – Reports to Council Community and Economic Development being Support for Narromine Business Collective, as she is on the general committee for the Narromine Business Collective.**

**Jane Redden (General Manager) declared a non-pecuniary but significant interest in item 3 – Reports to Council Community and Economic Development being Support for Narromine Business Collective, as Sara McCarthy (Secretary to Narromine Business Collective) is her future daughter in law.**

**Cr Bohm and Jane Redden (General Manager) left the meeting room at 6.29pm.**

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Cont'd)****3. SUPPORT FOR NARROMINE BUSINESS COLLECTIVE****RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Davies;

1. That Council contributes \$5,000 towards the Narromine Business Awards website.
2. That Council budgets \$20,000 in support of the Narromine Business Awards in the 26/27 financial year and confirms this support to the Narromine Business Collective.

**2025/542**

**Cr Bohm and Jane Redden (General Manager) returned to the meeting room at 6.31pm.**

**4. PLANNING AGREEMENT EDIFY ENERGY****RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Davies;

1. That the Planning Agreement between Narromine Shire Council and Edify Energy Pty Ltd be adopted.
2. That the Common Seal be affixed to the Planning Agreement between Narromine Shire Council and Edify Energy Pty.

**2025/543**

**The Chair called for a division on the planning matter.**

Those who voted for the motion were Crs Jones, Lambert, Bohm, Smith, Hoey, Leak and Davies.

Cr Howe voted against the motion.

**5. ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE, PART SISSIAN ROAD, TRANGIE****RESOLVED** Crs Hoey/Davies;

1. That Council provide notification in the NSW Government Gazette of the closure of part Sissian Road Lot 1 DP 1308285.
2. That upon closing, title to land comprising the former public road, Lot 1 DP 1308285 will vest in Narromine Shire Council and is classified as operational land for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1993.

**2025/544**

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

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## 1. WORKS REPORT

**RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Smith that the information be noted.

2025/545

## 2. RAW WATER SUPPLY OPTIONS FOR IRRIGATION – PROJECT TIMELINE

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Hoey that the information be noted.

2025/546

## NOTICES OF MOTION

## 1. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CARP ERADICATION PLAN

**It was moved** Crs Davies/Lambert;

That

1. Council supports, in principle, the Murray Darling Association's urgent call for the Federal Government to fund and implement the National Carp Control Plan and its recommendations.
2. Council endorse the Letter to the Minister as attached to this report (Attachment No. 1).
3. The attached Letter to the Minister be signed by Council and sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon Julie Collins MP, with a copy to be sent to the MDA for their records.

Crs Davies/Lambert subsequently withdrew the motion.

**RESOLVED** Crs Smith/Davies;

1. That Narromine Shire Council supports, in principle, the call for the Federal Government to fund and support the National Carp Control Plan providing that all safeguards are met.
2. That Council write their own letter to the Minister without any MDA logos or Mark Lambs signature. Letter to be reviewed by Councillors prior to sending.

2025/547

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NOTICES OF MOTION (Cont'd)**2. INVESTOR RENEWABLE FUELS INDUSTRY**

**It was moved** Crs Davies/Lambert that Council investigate the possibility of attracting a major investor into the renewable fuels industry given the newly announced \$1.1 billion in Federal Government funding for initiatives within this framework and specifically those derived from Canola.

Following further consideration, with the concurrence of the mover and the seconder;

**It was resolved** that Council investigate the possibility of attracting a major investor into the renewable fuels industry given the newly announced \$1.1 billion in Federal Government funding for initiatives within this framework and a report come back to Council.

**2025/548**

**3. WASTE TRANSFER STATION, TRANGIE**

**In was moved** Crs Howe/Smith that the NSC does not proceed with a transfer station and continue to operate the Trangie waste facility (Tip) with extend hours to provide an essential Service for Trangie community.

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

**A division of the vote was called.**

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

Those who voted against the motion were Crs Jones, Lambert, Bohm, Hoey, Leak and Davies.

**4. COUNCILLOR AVAILABILITY**

**It was moved** Crs Howe/Smith that the councillors make themselves available for at least 3 hours every month to Meet with Community members to discuss ratepayer and residents concerns in the Shire.

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

**A division of the vote was called.**

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

Those who voted against the motion were Crs Jones, Lambert, Bohm, Hoey, Leak and Davies.

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NOTICES OF MOTION (Cont'd)**5. CHEMICAL INFORMATION**

**It was moved** Crs Howe/Smith that the NSC Publicly releases the full chemical exposure information provided to it by the EPA at a meeting held in 2021.

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

**Cr Howe called for a division of the vote.**

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

Those who voted against the motion were Crs Jones, Lambert, Hoey, Davies, with the Mayor using his casting vote.

**6. PASSIVE CHEMICAL EXPOSURE STUDIES**

**It was moved** Crs Howe/Smith;

1. That NSC write to the CEO Tony Chappel, Request that the EPA immediately provide the full data results of the passive chemical exposure studies conducted by the EPA in the Narromine shire since 2020.
2. That the Council release the Data immediately when received and advise at each regular council meeting if the information has been provided or if any reason has been provided by the EPA for withholding the Data.
3. That all correspondence between EPA and council on this matter be publicly available and released as it is Received.

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

**Cr Howe called for a division of the vote.**

Cr Howe voted for the motion.

Those who voted against the motion were Crs Jones, Lambert, Bohm, Smith, Hoey, Leak and Davies.

**7. TRANSFER BUILDING HOUSING FIRE ENGINE TRANGIE**

Cr Howe withdrew the motion.

## NOTICES OF MOTION (Cont'd)

**8. BIOSECURITY PLAN**

**It was moved** Crs Howe/Bohm that the NSC include a strict Biosecurity plan as part of the consultation process for all renewable projects including state significance.

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

**Cr Howe called for a division of the vote.**

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

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

**9. MEMORIAL TRANGIE**

**RESOLVED** Crs Smith/Bohm that Narromine Shire Council consult the Trangie community regarding a suitable memorial for the late Lynelle Chalmers.

**2025/549**

**Cr Smith called for a division of the vote.**

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

Those who voted against the motion were Crs Davies and Lambert.

**10. REZ LOBBYING**

**It was moved** Crs Smith/Bohm that Narromine Shire Council staff and the Mayor refrain from any further lobbying to include Narromine township in the REZ until community consultation is undertaken.

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

**Cr Smith called for a division of the vote.**

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

Those who voted against the motion were Crs Jones, Lambert, Hoey, Davies, with the Mayor using his casting vote.

**NOTICES OF MOTION (Cont'd)****11. REAL ESTATE PURCHASE**

**It was moved** Crs Smith/Leak;

1. That Narromine Shire Council provides a full business plan before the purchase of any real estate to a Council meeting.
2. That Councillors are given the opportunity to inspect any potential real estate purchases before the matter is considered at a Council meeting.

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

**A division of the vote was called.**

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

Those who voted against the motion were Crs Jones, Lambert, Hoey, Davies, with the Mayor using his casting vote.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.54pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 11) 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 8 October 2025.

**Chair**