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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 10 DECEMBER 2024**  
**MAYORAL MINUTE**

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**1. MAYORAL DIARY**

November 2024

5 November	Workshop - Craigie Lea Lane Industrial Development
7 November	Narromine Aerodrome Committee Meeting
8 November	Alliance of Western Councils Board Meeting, Dubbo
12 November	Cyber Awareness Training for Councillors
13 November	Ordinary Council Meeting
14 November	Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM) Meeting, Sydney Dinner with Country Mayors Association, Sydney
15 November	Country Mayors Association Meeting, Parliament House Sydney
17 – 19 November	LGNSW Annual Conference, Tamworth
22 November	Presiding Officer for Citizenship Ceremony, held in Council Chambers Volunteers Morning Tea, held in Council Chambers
23 November	Narromine High School Debutante Ball
29 November	Presentation of Years of Service Awards for Cr Craig Davies, Cr Les Lambert and former Cr Dawn Collins

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY**

November 2024

3 November	Farmer Lunch – Farmer's Thanksgiving
5 November	Workshop - Craigie Lea Lane Industrial Development
7 November	Narromine Aerodrome Committee Meeting
9 November	25 Club Dinner – 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
11 November	Remembrance Day Ceremony in Trangie
12 November	Cyber Awareness Training for Councillors
13 November	Ordinary Council Meeting
17-19 November	Local Government NSW Annual Conference, Tamworth
20 November	Australia Day Committee Meeting
22 November	Citizenship Ceremony, held in Council Chambers Volunteers Morning Tea, held in Council Chambers
25 November	White Ribbon Luncheon
29 November	Presentation of Years of Service Awards for Cr Craig Davies, Cr Les Lambert and former Cr Dawn Collins

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**3. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS**

Attached is my report on the Alliance of Western Councils Board meeting held on 8 November 2024 **(See Attachment No. 1)**.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**4. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – COALITION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY MAYORS (CoREM)**

Attached is my report on the Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM) meeting held on 14 November 2024 **(See Attachment No. 2)**.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**5. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION**

Attached is my report on the Country Mayors Association meeting held on 15 November 2024 **(See Attachment No. 3)**.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**6. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – TOMINGLEY GOLD OPERATIONS (TGO) PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

Cr Smith has submitted a report for the Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) Project Community Consultative Committee held on 14 November 2024 **(See Attachment No. 4)**.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**7. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Attached is my report on the LGNSW Annual Conference held from 17 November 2024 to 19 November 2024 in Tamworth **(See Attachment No. 5)**.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

Cr Ewen Jones  
**Mayor**

# COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

## **Alliance of Western Councils Board Meeting**

COUNCILLOR: **Mayor Ewen Jones**

DATE ATTENDED: **8 November 2024**

### **1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**

Quarterly Board Meeting

### **2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**

The Election of Chair and Deputy Chair resulted in Cr Neill (Bogan Shire Council) being elected as Chair along with Cr Batten (Gilgandra Shire Council) being elected as Deputy Chair.

Cr Davies was acknowledged for the work and commitment during his time as Chair of the Alliance.

Financial contributions for the 2024-2025 financial year are \$6,000 per Council.

An update was provided by the Chair of the Orana Utilities Alliance.

- It was resolved that there be a change of name with the new name to be "Western Councils Water Alliance.
- It was noted that a business case has been completed for a centralised training centre.

Discussion was held in relation to Police numbers in our Region. It was resolved that a letter be sent to the NSW Minister for Police expressing concern about this issue and seeking clarification in relation to availability of Police housing, Replacement Policy for absent officers and regional incentives.

### **3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

Collaboration of Councils working together on common issues. Providing a strong voice to advocate to State and Federal Government.

### **4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**

Continued membership of the Alliance of Western Councils

**Cr Ewen Jones**

**Date:** 29 November 2024

# COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

## **Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM)**

COUNCILLOR: **Mayor Ewen Jones**

DATE ATTENDED: **14 November 2024**

### **1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**

To collaborate and co-operate with a coordinated group of Local Government Areas hosting renewable energy projects.

### **2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**

Discussion regarding large renewable energy projects (over 40) in the Orana and New England Renewable Energy Zones.

Issues discussed included community benefits funding from project proponents, transmission line, transport including Port to Renewable Energy Zone, number and size of loads, traffic, timing, bottlenecks, and accommodation.

### **3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

To consider the positive and negative effects for our community regarding renewable energy zones.

### **4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**

Continued attendance at CoREM meetings.

**Cr Ewen Jones**

**Date:** 29 November 2024

# COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

## **Country Mayors Association Meeting**

COUNCILLOR: **Mayor Ewen Jones**

DATE ATTENDED: **15 November 2024**

### **1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**

To collaborate and advocate for NSW regional and rural communities.

### **2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**

Presentation by Opposition & Liberal Leader the Hon. Mark Speakman MP, who spoke of the opportunities within the regional areas, development pressures, and water issues.

Presentation by Minister for Skills, TAFE & Tertiary Education, the Hon. Steve Whan MP who spoke of skills shortages, improvements to visa classifications, TAFE training/improvements to be made.

Presentation by Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP speaking on Regional Transport Plans.

Annual General meeting- election of CMA Chair, Cr Rick Firman OAM- Mayor of Temora Shire Council.

Acknowledgement of the work of Cr Craig Davies - outgoing Executive Member.

### **3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

To further the interests of member Councils, as well as provide an information-sharing forum.

### **4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**

Continued attendance at Country Mayors Association Meetings.



*Acknowledgement of former CMA Executive Member, Cr Davies.*



*NSW Local Government Minister, Hon. Ron Hoenig, MP.*

**Cr Ewen Jones**

**Date:** 29 November 2024

# COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

## **Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) Project Community Consultative Committee**

COUNCILLOR: **Cr Judy Smith**

DATE ATTENDED: **14 November 2024**

### **1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**

To inform the community about the works being undertaken by the TGO and consult with the community

### **2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**

- The locally sourced, dead trees have been 'planted' and birds are already using them. 1600 Fuzzy Box saplings have also been planted.
- Another site tour will be organised in the new year. This will allow more CCC members to attend. Will consider site tours for locals as well.
- Exploration works will continue with new test holes being bored in several locations. Permission has been granted to undertake another 500 soil samples near Trewilga.
- Underground mining is continuing at the Roswell, Caloma and Wyoming deposits.
- Development of new stope areas is ongoing.
- In September, the last of four new diesel hybrid loaders arrived. They will reduce underground emissions and breakdown downtime.
- Construction of the new Paste Plant on 'Rosewood' is almost complete.
- Residue Storage Facility - earthworks for RSF2 have been completed. The final, independent inspection of Cell 2 has been completed and it will be brought online in coming weeks. The installation of pipe works is almost complete.
- Dust, noise, blasting, groundwater and surface water continue to be compliant with EPL and Project Approval.
- The next TGO Community Newsletter will be out shortly.
- TGO Community Fund had 18 applicants and 15 were successful.
- All site environmental management plans are being updated. 6 out of 10 are approved. Another 2 are awaiting approval. The final 2 will be submitted to the NSW Govt in December.
- Realignment on the western end of Kyalite Rd is scheduled to begin in early 2025.

### **3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

Keeps Council informed on the future directions of TGO. Allows Council to work collaboratively with TGO to create sound outcomes for the Shire's residents.

### **4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**

Maintain a Councillor representative on this committee.

**Cr Judy Smith**

**Date:** 1 December 2024



# COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

**LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Tamworth**

COUNCILLOR: **Mayor Ewen Jones**

DATES ATTENDED: **17, 18 & 19 November 2024**

## **1. Main Purpose of Conference**

Voting Delegate for Council at the LGNSW Annual Conference. After each conference, LGNSW reviews resolutions and amends the Fundamental Principles and Positions Statements as required.

## **2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**

Consideration of 110 motions and conference business.

Attendance at LGNSW Councillor professional development workshops.

Addresses from NSW Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP; Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP; Member for Tamworth, the Hon. Kevin Anderson MP and other guest speakers

Attendance at various panel sessions – e.g. local government finance, countering cyber threats, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Work Program etc.

Networking with various trade representatives and key stakeholders.

## **3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

Opportunity for Councillors to come together to share ideas and debate issues and challenges.

Opportunity for Councillors and General Managers to speak with NSW Ministers and other key stakeholders to advance local issues.

## **4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**

Continued membership of LGNSW



*ICAC Representative*



*Inland Rail Representatives*



*Telstra Representative*



*The Hon. Jenny Aitchison, MP*

**Cr Ewen Jones**

**Date:** 29 November 2024