
**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 10 SEPTEMBER 2025
MAYORAL MINUTE**

1. MAYORAL DIARY

August 2025

1 August	Meeting with Cr Leak and Director Community and Economic Development
4 August	General Manager's Performance Review
5 August	Local Traffic Committee Meeting
7 August	Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM) Meeting Country Mayors Workshop on Biodiversity Conservation Offsets and Waste matters, with the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage Dinner with former Prime Minister the Hon Tony Abbott AC
8 August	Country Mayors Association Meeting
13 August	Presentation by Edify regarding Burroway Solar Farm Ordinary Council Meeting
15 August	Meeting with Deputy Mayor and General Manager Meeting with General Manager and Director Community and Economic Development
20 August	Interview on Prime 7 News
21 August	Interview on 2DU
22 August	Councillors Roads Tour Trangie Truck and Tractor – Beers and Gears Dinner
23 August	Trangie Truck and Tractor Show
25 August	Opening of NAIDOC Week in Trangie
29 August	NAIDOC Event Trangie Interview with Representative from the Western Plains News App Narromine Show Sponsors Evening at the Pavillion
30 August	Narromine Show

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

August 2025

4 August	General Manager's Performance Review
13 August	Presentation by Edify regarding Burroway Solar Farm Ordinary Council Meeting
15 August	Meeting with Mayor and General Manager
22 August	Councillors Roads Tour

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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3. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT COALITION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY MAYORS (CoREM)

My representative report regarding the Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM) Meeting held on 7 August 2025 is attached (**see Attachment No. 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

4. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION

My representative report regarding the Country Mayors Association Meeting held on 8 August 2025 is attached (**see Attachment No. 2**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Cr Ewen Jones
Mayor

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT



COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM)

COUNCILLOR: Cr Jones - Mayor

DATE ATTENDED: 7 August 2025

1. Main Purpose of 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

CEO of EnergyCo, Hannah McCaughey, addressed the meeting to provide an update on renewable energy. Coal fired Power Stations remain supplying 60% of the power needed to run NSW. The Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone will create jobs and benefits for 40 years plus.

Networks including power poles and transmission lines are an issue for renewable power. Roads need to be built first for renewable infrastructure. Construction crews are currently taking "short cuts" on unformed dirt roads. Ensuring compliance with approvals is an ongoing issue as is any staging of approvals.

Renewables construction in the Mudgee – Warrumbungle is having a social impact. The Department of Planning has been approved new Renewable sites, before access rights are given. Several approvals have been provided to projects within the REZ but without connections confirmed to the new REZ infrastructure.

The Renewable Energy Zone boundary is not being considered to be moved to include the Narromine township at this stage. (Narromine Shire Council will continue to lobby to be included so that some of the benefits of hosting projects can be realised by the local community).

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

Advocacy for community benefits and greater local government influence in the development of renewable energy projects.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Continued attendance at CoREM Meetings.

Signature: Cr Jones

Date:

30 August 2025

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT



COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: Country Mayors Association (CMA) of NSW

COUNCILLOR: Cr Jones - Mayor

DATE ATTENDED: 7 & 8 August 2025

1. Main Purpose of Meeting

A workshop was held on Biodiversity and Waste, while the CMA General Meeting focused on Crime, Law, and Order.

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

Biodiversity Conservation Offsets and Waste Workshop (7 August):

- CMA Deputy Chairperson, Mayor Fitzpatrick, facilitated the workshop. The Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC - Minister for Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and Heritage, was present for a portion of the workshop, after which her staff delivered the remainder of the presentation.
- The topics of Biodiversity Conservation Offsets and Waste were discussed at length. Biodiversity offsets as barriers to housing developments and FOGO costs were key concerns discussed.

CMA is now awaiting the Minister's office response regarding next steps and outcomes from the very successful workshop.

Following the workshop, a dinner with former Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott AC provided a unique experience for CMA Members.

CMA General Meeting (8 August):

Presentations from NSW Police Minister, the Hon. Mrs Yasmin Catley, MP and Acting Deputy Commissioner Brett Greentree included:

- Recruitment strategy has been successful with 4600 recruit applications over the last 18 months. Improved workforce benefits include a once in a generation pay rise.
- New initiative "Be a cop in your hometown" is seeing positive results.
- Youth Crime remains a focus with 'Operation Soteria' making significant impact to date across North and Western NSW. The strategic initiative by NSW Police focusing on aggravated break, enter and steal offences, stealing motor vehicles and 'post and boast' offences where social media has been used to gain notoriety. It also involves a focus on improving police response to victims of sexual assault.

A compelling presentation from Chief Magistrate of NSW, His Honour Judge Michael Allen, who has an extensive background living and working in regional NSW, outlining NSW's Judicial system and the challenges faced.



Presentation from the Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC – NSW Treasurer including the following:

- The Treasurer has met with the Auditor General about the Red Fleet – he will have a position soon re accounting practices.
- Discussion was held in relation to the need for NSW Government to support the restoration of FAGS to 1% of GDP from Federal Government.
- Council's dealing with an extraordinary level of renewable energy impacts. (in non-REZ areas). What can be done to support Councils?

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

The NSW CMA furthers the interests of rural and regional councils by advocating and lobbying on relevant state and national issues. The CMA also provides an information sharing forum.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Continued membership with the New South Wales Country Mayors Association. Each member council is represented by their Mayor and General Manager.

Signature: Cr Jones

Date:

30 August 2025