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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 14 MAY 2025  
COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

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**1. NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION CENTRAL WEST ZONE MEETING**

Cr Lambert has submitted his representative report for the NSW Public Libraries Association Central West Zone Meeting held on 21 March 2025 **(See Attachment No. 1).**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

# COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) Central West Zone Meeting

COUNCILLOR: Cr Lambert

DATE ATTENDED: 21 March 2025

**1. Main Purpose of Meeting**

Election of Office Bearers for NSWPLA Central West Zone.  
Quarterly Meeting Update

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

- I was elected as the Chairperson of the NSWPLA Central West Zone for a period of one year.
- There is to be further investigations into the ongoing costs of Trove, exploring potential solutions.
- The State Library report was presented noting the following: -
  - \$4.3 million to be distributed to public libraries. Expenditure papers and State library statistics will be published.
  - Public Library infrastructure grants are approved and awaiting announcement from the Minister.
  - State Library has commenced research on the value and impact of public and State libraries.
- Discussion was held in relation to benefits of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, given funding is no longer offered. Further investigations to be made.

**3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

NSWPLA provides representation and advocacy to progress public library services and develop strategic partnerships with State and Federal governments and other stakeholders.

**4. Suggestions for Future Action**

Continued membership with NSWPLA.

Signature: Cr Lambert

Date: 28 April 2025