
**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 10 SEPTEMBER 2025
COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

1. TOMINGLEY GOLD OPERATIONS (TGO) PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Cr Smith has submitted a report for the Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) Project Community Consultative Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2025 **(See Attachment No. 1)**.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION (MDA) – REGION 10

Cr Davies has submitted a report for the Murray Darling Association (MDA) – Region 10 Meeting held on 18 August 2025 **(See Attachment No. 2)**. Cr. Davies was unable to attend at late notice but has since spoken to the Chair of Region 10 to obtain an update of the meeting and has sought minutes which are the basis of the representative report attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT



COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) Project Community Consultative Committee

COUNCILLOR: Cr Judy Smith

DATE ATTENDED: 14 August 2025

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

- Dust, noise, blasting, groundwater quality and surface water quality continue to be compliant as per the conditions in TGO's EPL and Project Approval.
- A licenced contractor will be employed in coming months to conduct a kangaroo cull on TGO property.
- Large evaporators are being used on the tailings dams to reduce standing water. This is done by forcing water high into the air to increase evaporation rates. This can be seen from the highway and is part of normal operations - no broken pipes or anything to be concerned about.
- TGO newsletter has been compiled and is ready for distribution.
- TGO Community Fund applications (second round) are open from 18 August 2025 until 29 August 2025. This will be advertised in various media.
- Lifeline Central West were a successful applicant in a previous round and intend on hosting a community event later in the year to raise awareness of aspects of men's mental health. More details to come.
- Pre-construction continues on the southern end of the Newell Highway realignment.
- Robson Civil Projects have obtained approvals for the majority of the management plans required by Transport for NSW. Some are pending. Once complete, construction can commence. This is anticipated to be in September 2025.
- Prior to construction, Robson Civil Projects will distribute a newsletter to the community. There will also be an online copy with contact details for any questions.
- Project Manager will attend future TGO meetings to give updates once construction is underway.
- Kyalite Road realignment earthworks have begun on TGO land. Local residents will be notified before any work begins on the existing Kyalite Road.
- Drillhole rehabilitation, diamond core processing and assays have recently been completed.
- Currently planning for the next round of exploration with more diamond drilling at El Paso (Eulinda Park) and near Tomingley.



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: 3 September 2025

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: Murray Darling Association (MDA) Region 10 Meeting

COUNCILLOR: Cr Craig Davies

DATE ATTENDED: 18 August 2025

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

To collaborate with Shires across the Murray Darling Basin to influence outcomes in water.

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

- The MDA Constitution was amended at the last AGM to allow non-Council representatives to become Region Chairs, to allow for a longer handover period, and to ensure that no lived knowledge, and connections were lost.
- MDA membership continues to go well with Narrabri Shire Council recently joining Region 11.
- MDA is currently managing multiple advocacy opportunities in tandem, including the Carp Virus/National Carp Control Plan (NCCP) which seems to have been received well, with stronger support from basin Communities, with a strong focus on water quality. The NCCP research started in 2016 and was published in 2022. The Federal Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) believed that the NCCP was still years away, however it is believed that a push from Local Government was needed to accelerate the timeframe.
- MDA is preparing a whole-of-basin campaign, sending a letter and a motion to all Basin Councils to sign and send to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Hon Julie Collins MP, advocating for the implementation of the NCCP and all its findings.
- The 2025 National MDA Conference is to be held in Griffith from 29 September 2025 until 2 October 2025. The Study Tour this year will be looking at irrigation and the role it plays in the Region.

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

Support advocacy for local water security and participate in meaningful collaboration with councils and stakeholders across the Murray–Darling Basin.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Maintain Councillor Representative in this organisation, to provide advice in relation to local and regional water issues.

Cr Craig Davies

Date: 4 September 2025