NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 10 DECEMBER 2025 NOTICES OF MOTION REPORT

The following Notices of Motion has been received from Cr Smith: -

1. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

That all Narromine Shire Councillors obtain a Working with Children Check within 90 days and maintain it for the remainder of their tenure on Council.

2. DOLLY PARTON FESTIVAL EXPENSES

That NSC provide a DETAILED list of expenditures incurred on behalf of the Dolly Parton Festival.

The following Notices of Motion have been received from Cr Howe: -

3. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY FOR COUNCILLORS

That NSC develop a drugs and alcohol policy for Councillors to adhere to at Council Meetings and report back within 60 days.

Notation from the General Manager

Council will need to consider: -

- Tolerance levels for alcohol and drugs
- Testing of Councillors and how this is to occur.
 - Random testing of Council employees is undertaken by an accredited tester in a private location and during work hours (typically during the morning).
 - Selected employees must present themselves for testing immediately.
 The test can take anywhere up to 15 minutes.
 - o If a positive result is registered, a subsequent test is carried out 15 minutes after the first test. During the 15-minute period, the employee is supervised by the accredited tester.
 - Reasonable suspicion testing is conducted on employees who show signs of impairment. This is determined by two trained responsible persons.
- Costs include accredited testing (on site staffing, travel, random, testing, laboratory confirmation testing), and support and rehabilitation.
- Grievance and dispute settlement procedures and/or disciplinary action under the Local Government NSW (State) Award would not be applicable for Councillors.

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4. GRANT FUNDING FOR ROADS

That NSC prioritise getting road funding for rural roads.

Notation from the General Manager

Council's adopted Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program provide for the following: -

CSP – 3.5 – Our road network is safe, well maintained and appropriately funded

CSP 3.5.2 - Advocate for continued and increased funding for our road network

DP 3.5.2.1 – Funding applications made as required

DP 3.5.2.2 – Representation to State and Federal Government on funding issues and safety

5. WATER FEATURE TRANGIE GOAN WATER HOLE

That NSC install a water feature in Trangie Goan water Hole, to help with aeration and to be a tourist attraction for travellers.

Notation from Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services

This proposal has not previously been considered by Council and is not included in any current budget allocations. No feasibility investigations, including assessments of power availability, depth and sludge conditions, and approval pathways have been completed. Liaison with other Government Agencies will be required prior to any works.

6. CLOCK TOWER NARROMINE

That NSC makes a funding available to paint and upgrade clock tower in the Main Street.

Notation from the General Manager

No recent investigations have been undertaken to determine the budget required for the upgrade of the clock and tower. Given there is no budget allocation for this work we will need to identify projects that will not proceed in order for this work to be undertaken.

7. WAIVING OF WATER CHARGES

That NSC waives the water charges for a financial quarter in Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley.

Notation from the Director Finance and Corporate Strategy

Council has adopted a balanced budget for 2025/2026. Waiving of the water charges and fees for a financial quarter would equate to a loss of approximately \$860,245 in income to Council.