
1. MAYORAL DIARY

March, 2018:

- March 7: Meeting with Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet staff
March 12: Media release Stronger Country Communities Grant
March 13: Aboriginal MOU Signing and Launch
March 14: Narromine Floodplain Committee Meeting
Ordinary Meeting of Council
March 15: JO Framework meeting
OROC Dinner Dubbo
March 16: OROC Meeting Dubbo
March 23: Visit by Minister Craig Laundy discussion regarding development projects and NBN wireless funding
Meeting with GM and Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services
March 26: Councillor Workshop - Stronger Country Communities Funding;
Economic Development update and informal meeting of Councillors
March 28: Meeting re NAB
Rural Crime Meeting Trangie

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

March, 2018:

- March 13: Signing and Launch of Aboriginal MOU
March 14: Ordinary Meeting of Council
March 23: I Heart Art, Art Judging
NDF Open Day
March 26: Stronger Country Communities Funding Councillor Workshop

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

3. DELEGATE'S REPORT

A report from Cr Lambert regarding the State Library meetings and conference is attached (**see Attachment No. 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

4. OROC BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the OROC Board Meeting held on Friday 16 March 2018 are attached for information (**see Attachment No. 2**). Issues to be noted include the introduction of the Crown Lands Management Act; electric/energy contracts and street lighting update; Joint Organisations; NSW Draft Freight and Ports Plan; Commonwealth Disaster Funding Forum, and Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor

NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL

DELEGATE'S REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: PUBLIC LIBRARIES CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

COUNCILLOR Les Lambert

DATE ATTENDED 12 March 2018

1. Main Purpose of Attendance:

Committee Meeting – Councillor Representative
(87th PLCC Meeting)

2. Key Issues

- Public Library funding bid
- Public library Infrastructure Grants
- Royalties for using music in libraries - legal advice
- Remaking of the Library Regulation (2010)
- Early literacy project
- Multicultural library services in NSW public libraries
- People and places – review and revision
- Indigenous spaces in public libraries – strategy update

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

(Outline benefits/learnings for Council)

- Funding bid has been sent to Government for review to increase funding from \$28M to \$31.5M
- Professional development program for library staff to be rolled out in first half of 2018 (possibly roadshow/online training)

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Continued attendance in capacity as Deputy Chair of the NSW Public Libraries Association to further lobby for increased funding throughout the library network.

Signature Cr Les Lambert

Date 22.03.18

NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL

DELEGATE'S REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: NSW PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

COUNCILLOR Les Lambert

DATE ATTENDED 12 March 2018

1. Main Purpose of Attendance:

Executive Committee Meeting – Councillor Representative

2. Key Issues

- SWITCH conference reports – extended financials for SWITCH 2018, 2019
- Strategic Plan – follow up actions
- Budget projects for 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23
- Appointment of expert consultant for the Campaign Funding Project (Essential Media – appointed 13.03.18)
- Reading Hour funding \$8000
- Investment of Funds
- Scholarship sponsorship to IFLA Congress
- Australian Libraries Copyright Council – call for applicants
- Invitations to the Premier and Leader of the Opposition to SWITCH 18 – Coffs Harbour
- SWITCH 19 venue – Sydney
- Kath Knowles Scholarship Review

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

(Outline benefits/learnings for Council)

All outcomes benefit not only Macquarie Regional Library (including Narromine and Trangie Libraries) but also the NSW Library network.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Councillor attendance at future meetings as delegate of Narromine Shire Council. Continue as Deputy Chair NSWPLA, Chair of Central Zone and Chair of Macquarie Regional Library.

Signature Cr Les Lambert

Date 22.03.18

NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL

DELEGATE'S REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: NSW PLA Conference 2017 (SWITCH)

COUNCILLOR Les Lambert

DATE ATTENDED 21 – 24 November 2017

1. Main Purpose of Attendance:

- Conference – various speakers on relevant topics concerning NSW public libraries
- Annual General Meeting

2. Key Issues

- Introduction of new State Librarian – Dr John Vallance
- Discussion on ideas to increase usage and connection in public libraries; fostering creative, and persuasive writers
- Library as a sacred space – contributing to live-ability, sustainability and equity within our community
- UN's sustainable development goals, long-term global project. Individual successes in literacy, digital inclusion, culture and heritage
- Library redesign - from 1 entrance to 4, signage, security, spaces, access to be open and inviting
- Digitised collections, online content, historical walks, places of theatre, art, poetry, textiles and the blending of past and present
- Libraries as a home, haven and opportunity
- Discussion of funding cycle, library budgets, lobbying for additional library funding, sister city relationships, urgent needs for each library
- Leadership challenges/change – opportunity for learning, ability to adapt, flexibility, thinking outside the box to create culture of decision making
- Nurturing core business – collections, storage, visual merchandise, creating space for books and people
- Europe's libraries – responding to increasing numbers of refugees. Library is a place of welcome for all, even with language barriers, libraries have existing networks to support literacy and access knowledge through technology
- Indigenous Spaces In Libraries Places Strategy update. Connect Culture – Tracing Ancestors' Family History workshop held. Launch of online toolkit with information about strategy, downloadable resources, key dates, poster, and welcome sign etc. to assist library staff with planning
- Cultural landscape of Australian statistics – importance of understanding cultural behavior in our communities. Libraries are conduits to connect migrants to their communities and showcase diversity
- Switch 2018 Conference – Coffs Harbour 27 – 30 November

3. **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

(Outline benefits/learnings for Council)

- As NSWPLA Country Vice President, attendance at conference is important
- Discussion of current and future issues in public libraries
- Networking

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

Continued attendance to discuss the importance of providing libraries services – Council's Delivery Plan

Signature Cr Les Lambert

Date 26.03.18

Minutes of the OROC Board Meeting
held at
Central Conference Room
Dubbo Regional Council
on Friday 16th March 2018
at 9.30 am

1. Meeting Open

Chair: Clr Doug Batten, OROC Chair

Present: Clr Rex Wilson, Mayor Warren Shire; Glenn Wilcox General Manager, Warren Shire; Clr Des Kennedy, Mayor Mid-Western Regional; Brad Cam, General Manager Mid-Western Regional; Clr Ian Woodcock, Mayor Walgett Shire Council; Don Ramsland, General Manager Walgett Shire Council; Clr Peter Shinton, Mayor Warrumbungle Shire; Roger Bailey, General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council; Clr Ben Shields, Mayor Dubbo Regional Council; Clr Vicki Etheridge, Dubbo Regional; Clr Greg Mohr, Dubbo Regional; Michael McMahon, General Manager, Dubbo Regional; Clr Ray Donald, Mayor Bogan Shire; Jeff Sowiak, General Manager Brewarrina Shire General Manager; Clr Phillip O'Connor, Brewarrina Shire; Clr Barry Hollman, Mayor Bourke Shire; Ross Earl, General Manager Bourke Shire; Clr Craig Davies, Mayor Narromine Shire; Jane Redden, General Manager Narromine Shire; Clr Peter Abbott, Deputy Mayor Cobar Shire; Peter Vlatko, General Manager Cobar Shire; Clr Michael Webb, Mayor Coonamble Shire; David Neeves, General Manager Gilgandra Shire; and Belinda Barlow OROC Executive Officer.

Apologies: The Hon Rick Colless, MLC Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources and Western NSW; Rick Warren, General Manager Coonamble Shire; Clr Lilliane Brady, Mayor Cobar Shire; Derek Francis, General Manager Bogan Shire.

1.1 Welcome to Dubbo Regional Council

Clr Ben Shields, Mayor Dubbo Regional Council welcomed the OROC Board Members and guests to Dubbo Regional Council.

1.2 Apologies

Motion: *That the apologies be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Clr Barry Holman

Seconded: Clr Peter Abbott

CARRIED

2. Guests

2.1 Changes to Crown Lands Management Act

An update of changes to the Crown Lands Management Act was provided to the OROC Board. A copy of this presentation is to be supplied to each OROC Member Council.

Motion: *That the information supplied by Carl Malmberg and Andrew Bell be acknowledged by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Jeff Sowiak

Seconded: Clr Craig Davies

CARRIED

At this juncture Mr Malmberg and Mr Bell left the meeting.

2.2 RDA Orana

An update and overview of RDA Orana was presented to the OROC Board by Executive Officer Megan Dixon.

Motion: *That the information supplied by RDA Orana be acknowledged by the OROC Board.*

Moved: *Clr Craig Davies*

Seconded: *Clr Ian Woodcock*

CARRIED

At this juncture Ms Dixon left the meeting.

3. Minutes of previous OROC Board Meeting held 1st December 2018

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting of OROC Board held in Trangie on Friday 1st December 2017 be accepted.*

Moved: *Clr Ben Shields*

Seconded: *Clr Michael Webb*

CARRIED

That it be noted Clr Rex Wilson be acknowledged as an apology at the OROC Board Meeting held on Friday 1st December 2017 in Trangie.

3.1 Electricity /Energy Contracts and Street Lighting update - Energy and Management Services, Peter Halyburton

The OROC Board had before it reports in respect of:

- i) Street Lighting Strategy for OROC.
- ii) Essential Energy Street Lighting Proposal Review for OROC, and
- iii) A review of the New Metering Opportunities for OROC.

i) Street Lighting Strategy

Motion: *That OROC reconfirms its intention to request transfer of ownership of Street Lighting assets from Essential Energy.*

Motion: *That OROC pursues the provision of Government assistance towards the capital cost of upgrading current lighting to LED as a way of resolving a long standing source of disputation and as a way to assist Councils to reduce operating costs.*

Moved: *Clr Ben Shields*

Seconded: *Clr Michael Webb*

CARRIED

ii) Street Lighting Proposal Review

Motion: *That OROC on behalf of individual Councils make contact with Essential Energy and seek access to the charging models loaded with real data that was used to determine the proposed tariffs.*

Motion: *That further analysis be performed to verify or negate the issues raised in the preliminary analysis.*

Moved: *Clr Ray Donald*

Seconded: *Clr Peter Abbott*

CARRIED

iii) A review of New Metering Opportunities

Motion: *i) That OROC Executive together with Clr Ben Shields Mayor of Dubbo Regional and Energy Management Services meet with Origin Energy to discuss the cost savings owing to Essential Energy customers with the introduction of interval meters.*

ii) That subject to the outcome from this meeting, then OROC will consider releasing a strongly worded press release designed to place pressure on Origin Energy (and other retailers) if no action is taken soon after this meeting.

iii) That Council staff be alerted to a new opportunity for cost savings and improved data quality provided by interval meters at no or very low cost (depending on the existing meter and tariff). Energy and Management Services can assist with this process by reference to the E21 Energy Plus software package used by all OROC Members.

iv) That Energy and Management Services prepare an information statement for councils to pass onto medium sized businesses in their respective communities about the cost savings that can be made with the introduction of time of use business tariff.

Moved: *Clr Ben Shields*

Seconded: *Don Ramsland*

CARRIED

At this juncture Mr Halyburton left the meeting.

3.2 Regional Joint Organisations – Draft Regulation

Motion: *That the Draft regulation report be noted, and that it be noted Dubbo Regional Council is not planning to take part in a Joint Organisation and that OROC take no further action in respect of this matter.*

This motion was lapsed for the want of a seconder.

Motion: *That the Draft Regulation report be noted, and that individual councils are invited to make their own way forward in respect to joining a Joint Organisation, and that it also be noted, Dubbo Regional Council is not planning to take part in a Joint Organisation.*

Moved: *Clr Ben Shields*

Seconded: *Clr Michael Webb*

CARRIED

Action: OROC Member Councils are to provide individual submissions to the Draft Regulation for Joint Organisations.

4. Minutes of previous GMAC Meetings

4.1 Minutes of previous GMAC Teleconference held 20th December 2017

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting of GMAC Teleconference held on 20th December 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved: *Michael McMahon*

Seconded: *David Neeves*

CARRIED

4.2 Minutes of previous GMAC Meeting held 16th February 2018

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting of GMAC Meeting held on 16th February 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved: Michael McMahon

Seconded: David Neeves

CARRIED

Motion: *That the recommendations and determinations emanating from both GMAC Meetings be adopted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Jane Redden

Seconded: Brad Cam

CARRIED

GMAC Meeting held 20th December 2018

Recommendations:

1. That OROC acknowledge the election of Ross Earl as GMAC Chair.

Determinations:

1. That the information in respect to Joint Organisations be noted.
2. That OROC members be prepared and have a mechanism in place to accept the large contestable site and Street Lighting contracts when Energy and Management Services seek pricing for OROC in April/May 2018.
3. That OROC Members support the concept to establish an Inland Rail Committee to comprise of the Councils of Narramine, Gilgandra, Warrumbungle, Cobar and Coonamble Shires and extend an invitation to Narrabri and Parkes Shire Councils to participate.
4. That General Manager of Gilgandra Shire David Neeves research appropriate organisations that may be able to supply template contracts relevant for local government use.

GMAC Meeting held 16th February 2018

Recommendations:

1. That OROC acknowledge the election of Ross Earl as GMAC Chair.
2. That the 2018/19 LMWUA Draft Budget be approved by the LMWUA Technical Committee prior to being submitted to the OROC Board for consideration.
3. That OROC continues to support the Drinking Water Quality Committees in achieving best practice outcomes.
4. That GMAC warmly welcome Michael McMahon to his first face to face GMAC meeting as General Manager Dubbo Regional Council.
5. That the minutes of the GMAC Meeting held on 6th October 2017 be adopted.
6. That the minutes of the GMAC Teleconference Meeting held on 20th December 2017 be adopted.
7. **i)** That OROC commission an independent review of LMWUA; with a view to determining the appropriateness of its current arrangements to meet the future needs, objectives and priorities to ensure LMWUA ongoing relevance into the future.
 - ii)** That the review will include but not be limited to:
 - a. The appropriateness of the current Governance and organisational structure;
 - b. The appropriateness of the current funding mechanism;
 - c. Identify current priorities and objectives of LMWUA;
 - d. Identify of the needs and commitments of each Member Council.
 - iii)** That the brief for the consultant and the determination of the consultation to be finalised by the General Managers of Dubbo Regional, Mid-Western Regional, Warren Shire and Narramine Shire Councils, and the cost of the consultancy to be met by all Councils in accordance with the LMWUA funding formula. If possible, the review is to be completed in time for any financial impact to be considered in conjunction with each Council's 2018-2019 Operational Plans.

8. That OROC offer a submission to the NSW Inquiry into the provision of drug rehabilitation services in regional, rural and remote NSW.
9. That OROC offer a submission to the NSW Inquiry into Zonal Taxation.
10. That GMAC supports the concept to conduct a regional recognition and awards for employees of OROC Member Councils.
11. That OROC Member Councils consider their own position in respect to participating in the Local Government Procurement Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement.
12. That OROC supports Cobar Shire Council's request to write to relevant NSW Ministers raising concern about the lack of penalties attributed to the vandalism of public facilities.
13. That OROC Board seek interest from Local Government (within the OROC region and outside the region) to establish an Inland Rail Council Sub-Committee to consider the short and long term social, environmental and economic factors of the Inland Rail project.
14. That OROC seeks further advice from The Hon Niall Blair Minister for Primary Industries regarding the government agency that is responsible for the ongoing issue of redirected (flood) water over land.

Determinations:

1. That the information in respect to Joint Organisations be noted.
2. That OROC members be prepared and have a mechanism in place to accept the large contestable site and Street Lighting contracts when Energy and Management Services seek pricing for OROC in April/May 2018.
3. That OROC Members support the concept to establish an Inland Rail Committee to comprise of the Councils of Narramine, Gilgandra, Warrumbungle, Cobar and Coonamble Shires and extend an invitation to Narrabri and Parkes Shire Councils to participate.
4. That General Manager of Gilgandra Shire David Neeves research appropriate organisations that may be able to supply template contracts relevant for local government use.
5. That GMAC note the outcomes of the November 2017 NAMA Assessment and continue to support the Regional Asset Management Initiative.
6. That the July 2016 Regional Asset Management Strategy be updated to guide the LMWUA Asset Management Group and reflect the asset management needs of Member Councils.
7. That GMAC thank Jacqui Hansen for her presentation.
8. That GMAC note the 2018/2019 LMUWA Draft Budget.
9. That GMAC note the LMWUA Project Officer's report.
10. That the LMWUA Project Officer be requested to distribute the Technical Committee Meeting Minutes to all thirteen (13) LMWUA Member General Managers, in addition to the Technical Committee Members.
11. That GMAC note the LMUWA Technical Committee Meeting Minutes held on 5th December 2017.
12. That GMAC note the report supplied by OROC Executive Officer in respect to Regional Joint Organisations.
13. That GMAC thank Chris Presland, Ashley Albury and Sarah Gubb for attending the meeting.
14. That GMAC note the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements presentation from Mark Conlon.
15. That GMAC thank Mark Conlon for his presentation.
16. That GMAC note the report supplied by Dubbo Regional Council's General Manager in respect to the function of an Internal Ombudsman and the potential for OROC Members to utilise the services of Dubbo Internal Ombudsman in the future.
17. That the OROC Correspondence be noted.
18. That OROC Executive Officer be requested to distribute the Local Government Procurement Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement to General Managers.
19. That the OROC Financial report for period ending 12th February 2018 be noted.
20. That the Executive Officer's report be noted.
21. That the Orana Risk and Safety Management Group Minutes 9th November 2017 be noted.
22. That the Regional Platters Guide 2018 report be noted.
23. That Keir Steele Lawyers be invited to present the suite of tailored contract and related documentation that it has available to Councils for the purpose of procurement and construction projects.
24. That the information supplied in respect to Local Government Framework Capability training be noted.

25. That Gilgandra Shire Council General Manager David Neeves investigate further shared tender opportunities for the supply of aggregate and other materials amongst OROC Member Councils.
26. That the information supplied in respect to recent changes to the Local Government (State) Award be noted.

OROC Board Regional Issues

4.1 NSW Draft Freight and Ports Plan

Motion: That the NSW Draft Freight and Ports Plan report be noted.

Moved: Clr Craig Davies

Seconded: Clr Barry Holman

CARRIED

4.2 Central West Orana Regional Plan – Regional Freight Network Workshop

Motion: That the Central West Orana Regional Freight Network workshop report be noted.

Moved: Michael McMahon

Seconded: Clr Michael Webb

CARRIED

4.3 Commonwealth Disaster Funding Reform

Motion: That the Commonwealth Disaster Funding Reform report be noted.

Moved: David Neeves

Seconded: Clr Peter Shinton

CARRIED

4.4 LMWUA Asset Management – NAMAF Assessments

The OROC Board noted the report.

4.5 LMWUA Project Officer's Report

Motion: That the LMWUA Project Officer's Report be noted.

Moved: Clr Barry Hollman

Seconded: Clr Ben Shields

CARRIED

4.6 LMWUA Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the LMWUA Technical Meeting Minutes held 5th December 2017 and 27th February 2018 be accepted.

Moved: Clr Barry Hollman

Seconded: Clr Ben Shields

CARRIED

4.7 10 Year Milestone of LMWUA

Motion: That the LMWUA Board celebrate a 10 year milestone of the Alliance with a joint dinner to include Technical Committee and Board Members at a date that is to be determined by LMWUA Project Officer and OROC Executive Officer.

Moved: Clr Ben Shields

Seconded: Clr Ian Woodcock

CARRIED

4.8 LMWUA Financial Report

Motion: *That the LMWUA Financial Report be accepted.*

Moved: *Clr Ian Woodcock*

Seconded: *Clr Phillip O'Connor*

CARRIED

4.9 Deed of Agreement

The Board noted that LMWUA Deed of Agreement is to be deferred for signing, until the review of the LMWUA is finalised.

5. OROC Correspondence

Motion: *That the OROC correspondence be accepted.*

Moved: *Clr Ian Woodcock*

Seconded: *Clr Ray Donald*

CARRIED

6. OROC Financial Report

Motion: *That the OROC financial report for the period ending 12th March 2018 be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: *Clr Rex Wilson*

Seconded: *Ross Earl*

CARRIED

7. OROC Executive Officer's Report

Motion: *That the OROC Executive Officer's Report be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: *Clr Rex Wilson*

Seconded: *Don Ramsland*

CARRIED

Motion: *That Clr Ben Shields Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council is to represent OROC at the NSW Inquiry into Regional Development and a global Sydney.*

Moved: *Clr Craig Davies*

Seconded: *Clr Peter Shinton*

CARRIED

8. General Business**8.1 Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance**

Motion: *That the Central West Councils Environment and Waterway Alliance report be noted.*

Moved: *Clr Ben Shields*

Seconded: *Clr Michael Webb*

CARRIED

8.2 Destination Network Country and Outback NSW Destination Management Plans

Motion: *That the NSW Destination Management Plan report be noted.*

Moved: *Clr Ian Woodcock*

Seconded: *Clr Barry Hollman*

CARRIED

8.3 Late Agenda Item - Regional Assembly of Mayors (OROC and CENTROC members)

The OROC Board had before it late correspondence received from Clr Ben Shields Mayor Dubbo Regional Council inviting OROC and CENTROC members to a Regional Assembly of Mayors on 20th April 2018. The objective of this Assembly is to determine a list of regional infrastructure needs in order of priority and recommend such list to the State Government, as a collaborative approach to attract funding to Local Government in regional areas.

Motion: *That OROC notes the Mayor of Dubbo's correspondence and invitation to a Regional Assembly to be held on 20th April 2018 in Dubbo involving participants from local government only.*

Moved: *Clr Ian Woodcock*

Seconded: *Clr Phil O'Connor*

CARRIED

8.4 Joint Organisation Legislation

Motion: *That OROC notes the strong objection to the Joint Organisation Legislation as it does not allow member councils to leave or withdraw as a member from a Joint Organisation boundary.*

Moved: *Clr Ray Donald*

Seconded: *Clr Barry Hollman*

CARRIED

9. Close / Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

The next OROC Board Meeting is to be held on Friday 15th June 2018 at Warrumbungle Shire Council.