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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 20 AUGUST 2018**  
**BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE – URGENT MATTERS**

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**1. DROUGHT FUNDING INITIATIVE – NARROMINE AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2018**

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<b>Link to Strategic Plans</b>	CSP – 4.4.3 Work regionally to advocate on issues that affect us and our neighbouring Shires

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**Executive Summary**

This report is presented to Council as a matter of urgency as it considers providing an additional financial contribution to the Narromine Agricultural Show to be held on 1 September 2018. Council cannot under the Local Government Act, delegate a decision to grant financial assistance to persons, and therefore need to consider this item prior to the event.

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**Report**

Council has recently resolved to supply potable water to farmers within our Shire due to drought conditions. As part of Council's drought assistance initiative, it is recommended that Council consider paying for children's entry to the Narromine Agricultural Show to be held on 1 September 2018. The Agricultural Show is an open and inclusive community event, run by community volunteers which aims to showcase our local agricultural produce and provides an opportunity for our young citizens to be involved with junior judging and handling of cattle, as well as competing in the various pavilion displays.

Entry to this year's show is \$5.00 per child. It is intended that Council would fund 1,500 children's entry tickets, with the total cost capped at \$7,500.

**Financial Implications**

\$7,500 capped expense to be allocated from the General Manager's contingency fund.

Council is the major sponsor for the 2018 show, providing \$5,000 in sponsorship.

**Legal and Regulatory Compliance**

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Clause 241(3) – business may be transacted at a meeting of Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors, if (a) a motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting, and (b) the business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency.

Section 377 (1)(q) of the Local Government Act 1993 states that Council cannot delegate a decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons.

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**2. DROUGHT FUNDING INITIATIVE – NARROMINE AGRICULTURAL SHOW (Cont'd)**

***Risk Management Issues***

Funding is to be capped at \$7,500. This is a one off event due to exceptional circumstances.

***Internal/External Consultation***

Narromine Show Society President

Attachments

- Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Determine the matter is of great urgency and the business be transacted at the meeting.
2. Provide \$7,500 funding to the Narromine Agricultural Show Society for children's entry to the event to be held on 1 September 2018, as a drought funding initiative; such funding to be allocated from the General Manager's contingency fund.

Jane Redden  
**General Manager**