
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 13 SEPTEMBER 2023
MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

August 2023

3 August	Country Mayors Association Water Paper Meeting CoREM Meeting
4 August	Country Mayors Association Meeting
9 August	Meeting with Minister for Local Government, The Hon Ron Hoenig MP Pre-Briefing Meeting Ordinary Council Meeting
14 August	Charles Sturt University Community Consultation Group Meeting
15 August	Meeting with Shadow Minister for Education and Early Learning, The Hon Sarah Mitchell, MLC
17 August	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy Meeting
25 August	Thank you Morning Tea for Narromine Shire Councils Volunteers
29 August	CSIRO Strategy Meeting Brisbane

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

August 2023

4 August	Trangie Agricultural Research Centre Open Day
7 August	Local Traffic Committee Meeting
9 August	Ordinary Council Meeting
28 August	Inland Rail Update

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

3. DELEGATE REPORT – COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION

Attached is my delegate report on the Country Mayors Association Meeting held on 4 August 2023 (**See Attachment No. 1**)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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4. DELEGATES REPORT – MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION

Attached is my delegate report on the Murray Darling Association meeting held on 21 August 2023 (**See Attachment No. 2**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

5. LG NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTIONS

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 12 July 2023 resolved motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference be forwarded to the General Manager for consideration at the September meeting.

Voting members are able to put forward motions to be considered at the Conference via an online portal. Members are requested to submit their motions prior to 15 September 2023 to allow for assessment of the motions and distribution of the business papers before the Conference. The latest date motions will be accepted for inclusion in the business papers is 12 midnight on Sunday 15 October 2023.

Motions need to be: -

- Consistent with the objects of the Association
- Relate to or concern local government as a sector in NSW and/or across Australia
- Seek to establish or change policy positions of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the Association
- Have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws)
- Are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature, and
- Do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members

The format of the motions, as much as possible, should call on a specific body (e.g. LGNSW, State Government, Federal Government etc) and have a specific outcome that the motion is aiming to achieve. The wording should be unambiguous.

Motions must be supported by Council, i.e. extract from minutes of the Council Meeting, or in the absence of a Council Meeting, the evidence should be a letter signed by both Mayor and General Manager.

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5. LG NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTIONS (Cont'd)

I have submitted the following motions to be considered by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That LGNSW requests the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to undertake a comprehensive review of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to streamline Planning in NSW and allow developments to proceed in a timely and financially viable environment.
2. That LGNSW requests the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to vary the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to allow more autonomy for Rural and Regional Councils to operate in a manner that suits their local environment rather than that of a metro area.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

Country Mayors Association Meeting

COUNCILLOR: **Cr Davies**

DATE ATTENDED: **4 August 2023**

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

To collaborate and co-operate with all Country Councils in NSW

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

The Country Mayors Association (CMA) Budget Priorities document was shared with MPs from the Government, Opposition and Cross bench during the sitting week. The document lists the endorsed position of the top five issues that CMA took to the NSW State election in March, and highlighted the financial commitment needed to deliver the outcomes in the September 19 budget.

The five priorities included:

- Financial Sustainability
- Housing
- Labour Shortage
- Transport and Roads
- Health

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

Collaboration and opportunities to discuss issues pertaining to rural and regional Councils.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Maintain an active role in this organisation as it has become an effective Local Government forum for all Rural and Regional Councils.

Signature: Cr Craig Davies

Date: 25 August 2023

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

Murray Darling Association Meeting

COUNCILLOR: **Cr Davies**

DATE ATTENDED: **21 August 2023**

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

To collaborate with Shires across the Murray Darling basin to influence outcomes in water and the circular economy .

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

To maintain a balance in the priorities of Shires using water across the basin and the best utilisation of available water.

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

Advancing with water and circular economy opportunities in the Narromine Shire.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Maintain an active role in this organisation, and as a member of the Executive Team, to provide advice in relation to local and regional water issues and to enhance outcomes.

Signature: Cr Craig Davies

Date: 25 August 2023