
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 14 APRIL 2021
MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

March 2021

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| 3 March | Narromine High School Clontarf Training Day
Funding Announcement Burns Oval and Trangie Showground |
| 4 March | Meeting with Joint Organisation Chairs at Parliament House
Meeting with ARTC Representatives in Sydney |
| 5 March | Country Mayors Association Meeting in Sydney |
| 8 March | Meeting with Charles Sturt University regarding Technology in the Shire |
| 9 March | Meeting with Macquarie River Food and Fibre
Meeting with TAFE |
| 10 March | Meeting with Developer
Meeting with President and CEO of Local Government NSW via Teams
Ordinary Council Meeting |
| 15 March | Meeting with Chairs of Murray Darling Association
Meeting regarding Ride for Kids |
| 16 March | Teleconference with Regional NSW Representatives |
| 17 March | Meeting with Minister Marshall
Meeting with Transport for NSW
Tour de OROC Meeting |
| 25 March | Meeting with Regional Development Australia Orana and Settlement
Services International
EPA Roadshow |
| 26 March | Meeting with a Resident |
| 30 March | Meeting with a Potential Developer |

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

March 2021

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| 9 March | Narromine Aviation Museum Meeting |
| 10 March | Ordinary Council Meeting |

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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3. DELEGATES REPORT – TRANGIE ACTION GROUP MEETING

Cr Colin Hamilton has submitted a delegate's report on the Trangie Action Group meeting held on 3 March 2021 (**See Attachment No. 1**)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

4. DELEGATES REPORT – BUSH FIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cr Colin Hamilton has submitted a delegate's report on the Bush Fire Management Committee meeting held on 1 April 2021 (**See Attachment No. 2**)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

5. ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

Joint Organisations of Councils were formally instituted through changes to the Local Government Act in 2017. Previously Council had been a member of the Orana Region of Councils (OROC) which operated without excessive membership fees and regulatory responsibilities.

The requirements for the operation of Joint Organisations are similar to that of Councils, particularly in relation to financial management and auditing, as well as the formation of Internal Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees. These regulatory burdens require significant financial expenditure. The decision by Dubbo Regional Council to not join the Orana Joint Organisation meant that any financial burdens fell to the other member Councils.

Despite ongoing representations to the State Government, no appropriate funding model has been presented that is workable for the member Councils of the Orana JO. In the absence of funding, and not wanting to burden each Council's ratepayer base with significant fee increases, the Orana JO has been operating with the General Manager of Mid-Western Regional Council acting as the Executive Officer in a voluntary capacity.

The decision has been now reached by the Orana JO that it is time for each Council to consider its position in the JO.

5. ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (Cont'd)

In order to dissolve the Orana JO, each member Council must first obtain a resolution to resign and then a request will be put to the Local Government Minister to dissolve the Orana JO in accordance with Section 400ZC of the Local Government Act. This report now seeks to move forward with the process of formally disbanding the Orana Joint Organisation.

It is noted that the risk of withdrawing from the Orana Joint Organisation will be viewed negatively by the State Government and could impact current and future funding agreements. It is also noted that without substantial financial input by member Councils, or Dubbo Regional Council becoming a member in the near future, the Orana Joint Organisation is at risk of becoming insolvent.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council: -

1. Note the ongoing concerns about the financial sustainability of the Orana Joint Organisation;
2. Resign its membership of the Orana Joint Organisation;
3. Make the relevant representations to the Orana Joint Organisation seeking agreement from all member Councils on this issue;
4. Work with the Orana Joint Organisation to write to the Minister for Local Government seeking the relevant legislation be enacted to dissolve the Orana Joint Organisation.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT **Trangie Action Group**

COUNCILLOR Cr. Colin Hamilton

DATE ATTENDED 3/03/2021

1. **Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**

Monthly Committee meeting

2. **Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**

- A) Trangie Town entrance Signs – Council looking for some suitable lighting to add to the signs. Where is this up to?
- B) A mining company set up at Parkes and Tomingley (gold and copper), currently test drilling in the Trangie area are happy to talk to the community members about what is happening if there is interest.
- C) TTT (Trangie Truck & Tractor Show) – Event confirmed to go ahead on 21st August 2021.
- D) Who is responsible for the access road to Gin Gin weir and the area at the weir? (Council or LLS, or who?)
- E) Seniors Week – Booked in for 19th of March at Kurrajong Court gardens 9:30am-2pm.
- F) Christmas 2021 – Letter to Council to emphasise disappointment about lack of contribution to Christmas decorations in Trangie in 2020. Check to see if we can get cash instead to do our own decorations.

3. **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

Provides a direct avenue of communication between Council and the Trangie Community to discuss activities, promotions and issues in and around Trangie.

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

Continued attendance at all TAG meetings

Signature Colin Hamilton

Date 03.03.2021

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT **Bush Fire Management Committee**

COUNCILLOR Cr. Colin Hamilton

DATE ATTENDED 1/04/2021

1. **Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**

Quarterly Committee Meeting

2. **Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**

- A) Up-grades to the Sappa Bulga fire trails to bring them up to standard have been postponed until it is dry enough to carry out the works required.
- B) LLS ask if Narromine Shire Council could undertake roadside slashing adjacent to the Webbs Reserve in the lead up to the next fire season to help prevent any roadside fires entering the reserve.
- C) RFS will liaise with LLS re possible HR work on the TSR's within Narromine shire.
- D) LLS are offering "Free" agistment along roadsides and TSR's near towns to help reduce fuel loads.
- E) LLS and FRS request that any HR burning and/or slashing be carried out whenever conditions are right to do so to reduce fuel loads before any drying off occurs.

3. **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

Provides a direct avenue of communication between Council and the Orana Fire Control and other agencies to discuss and plan fire prevention activities, programs, and issues around the Orana region.

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

Continued attendance at BFMC meetings and continued close liaison with the regional fire control agencies.

Signature Colin Hamilton

Date 01.04.2021