
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 16 JUNE 2021
MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

May 2021

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| 2 May | Royal Far West Ride for Country Kids Event
Royal Far West Ride for County Kids Dinner |
| 3 May | Interview with Consultant with regards to Orana Joint Organisation operations |
| 6 May | Meeting with Korean delegation |
| 7 May | Meeting with Korean delegation |
| 10 May | Presentation to Narromine High School Students regarding Environmental Challenges of the past decade |
| 12 May | Orana Joint Organisation Meeting
Drainage Strategy Meeting
Environmental Protection Authority Meeting
Ordinary Council Meeting |
| 13 May | Newell Highway Taskforce meeting in Canberra |
| 17 May | Murray Darling Conference Wentworth |
| 18 May | Murray Darling Conference Wentworth
Meeting with Minister for the Environment, Hon. Sussan Ley
Meeting with Commonwealth Environmental Water Office Executives |
| 21 May | Meeting with Business Operator |
| 24-27 May | Inland Rail Conference in Albury |
| 28 May | Meeting with Potential Developer |

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

May 2021

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| 2 May | Royal Far West Ride for Country Kids Event |
| 3 May | Narromine Aviation Museum Meeting |
| 12 May | Drainage Strategy Meeting
Environmental Protection Authority Meeting
Ordinary Council Meeting |
| 13 May | Captain's Muster Australian Caravan Club – Trangie Caravan Park Welcome |
| 20 May | Narromine Showground and Racecourse Advisory Committee Meeting
Public Meeting – Tomingley Gold Extension Project |
| 26 May | Narromine Shire Council/Narromine Local Aboriginal Land Council Sorry Day Event |

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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3. DELEGATE REPORT – NARROMINE AVIATION MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Cr Lyn Jablonski has submitted delegate's reports on the Narromine Aviation Museum meetings held on 9 March 2021 and 12 April 2021 (**See Attachment No. 1**)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

4. DELEGATE REPORT – MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Cr Craig Davies has submitted a delegate report on the Murray Darling Association Conference held on 16 May 2021 to 18 May 2021 (**See Attachment No. 2**)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

5. DELEGATE REPORT – INLAND RAIL CONFERENCE

Cr Craig Davies has submitted a delegate report on the Inland Rail Conference held on 24 May 2021 to 27 May 2021 (**See Attachment No. 3**)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

6. DELEGATE REPORT – MACQUARIE VALLEY WEEDS CONFERENCE

Cr Lyn Jablonski has submitted a delegate report on the Macquarie Valley Weeds Conference held on 24 May 2021 to 26 May 2021 (**See Attachment No. 4**)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

7. DELEGATE REPORT – TRANGIE ACTION GROUP

Cr Colin Hamilton has submitted delegate's reports on the Trangie Action Group meetings held on 5 May 2021 and 2 June 2021 (**See Attachment No. 5**)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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8. ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION

The minutes of the Orana Joint Organisation meetings held on 24 February 2021 and 12 May 2021 are attached (**See Attachment No. 6**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor



DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

Narromine Aviation Museum Committee Meeting

COUNCILLOR: **Cr Lyn Jablonski**

DATE ATTENDED: **9/03/21**

- **Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**
Monthly meeting that requires two Narromine Shire Councillors to attend.
- **Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**
 1. After much negotiation over the past few months, NAM met with the owners of the locally owned Tiger Moth in view of them donating it to the museum. Much discussion was held surrounding the acquisition of the plane, and the curator of the museum was to complete the deed before the April meeting. The committee and the owners also discussed aspects of any restoration that is to take place.
 2. Discussion on the mouse plague and how they were setting the alarm off regularly. The system is ageing and needs reviewing. A committee member is to contact other security companies in Dubbo for quotes.
 3. With regards to the Memorial Wall grant, the Chair asked that the curator be given relevant information for the application and Council to follow up.
 4. The Chair advised that Dubbo Photo News was visiting the museum on 11 March to interview volunteers and committee members about the museum.
 5. Discussion on carpet mould in the auditorium and that it would be cleaned the following week.
- **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**
Attending these meetings helps keep Council abreast of the progress and activities of the Narromine Aviation Museum
- **Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**
Council is very supportive of the Narromine Aviation Museum and should keep up the momentum.

Signature: Lyn Jablonski

Date:13/05/21



DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

Narromine Aviation Museum Committee meeting

COUNCILLOR: **Cr Lyn Jablonski**

DATE ATTENDED: **12/04/21**

- **Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**
Monthly meeting that requires two Narromine Shire Councillors to attend.
- **Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**
 1. A number of grants for the museum have been submitted by the curator.
 2. No further advancement on the donation of the Tiger Moth
 3. The Chair has requested that Council clean the gutters of the museum building and make sure they are unclogged as this has been the reason why the carpet in the complex has been flooded. Lack of maintenance to the gutters is deemed to be the culprit.
 4. The treasurers' report indicated that the Easter break was very profitable for the museum.
 5. The museum cash register has been simplified for the benefit of the volunteers
 6. The ABC radio will be broadcasting from the museum on Wednesday 13 April
 7. The Chair said that the leak in the auditorium had been fixed, but a committee member disagreed, saying there were various other issues with the building relating to storm damage
 8. The Chair is to write a letter to the Council requesting the removal of a tree at the eastern end of the building and replace it with smaller trees and landscaping.
- **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**
Attending these meetings helps keep Council abreast of the progress and activities of the Narromine Aviation Museum
- **Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**
Consider a maintenance program for the Narromine Aviation Museum complex

Signature: Cr Lyn Jablonski

Date: 13/5/21

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: **Murray Darling Association Conference**

COUNCILLOR: **Cr. Craig Davies**

DATE ATTENDED: **16-18 May 2021**

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

77th National Conference and AGM

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

A conference that dealt with 17 motions that our Region 10A supported except for a call by Region 2 for a ROYAL Commission into the operations of the MDBA and the Menindee Lakes.

Largely a consensus outcome for all decisions dealt with and some negotiations enabled passage of one contentious issue regarding Floodplain Harvesting.

Monday evening met with Hon Sussan Ley MP, Minister for the Environment, discussed over recovery of water from the Macquarie River and potential implications of it being returned.

Tuesday Afternoon. Met with Hilton Taylor, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) and Michael Wrathall, Assistant Secretary Wetlands, Policy and Northern Water Use Commonwealth Environmental Water Office in the company of Michael Drum Executive Officer Macquarie River Food and Fibre. Discussions were very positive and we have been invited back to Canberra for further talks with CEWH and MDBA with a view to exploring options.

Northern zone representation is growing with the addition of the extra seven members who joined following my tour of the Orana region with Emma Bradbury Executive Officer Murray Darling Association. This is bringing a better balance to outcomes across the basin.

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

Provides a forum for local government and community representatives at State and Federal level in the management of Basin resources.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Continued representation on this Association.

Signature: Cr Craig Davies

Date: 31/5/21

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: **Inland Rail Conference**

COUNCILLOR: **Cr. Craig Davies**

DATE ATTENDED: **24-27 May 2021**

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

2021 Inland Rail Conference

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

In the company of Council's Director of Community and Economic Development, I travelled to Albury for this conference.

We visited four Rail terminals in total in Junee, Wagga, Albury and Wodonga. The trip was very valuable in it allowed us to gain an insight into the basic structure of rail terminals. We spent the first two days in the company of an experienced and knowledgeable rail consultant whose time with us was invaluable. He provided many industry examples of best practice intermodal sites. A number of investors have shown interest in further development in Narromine. This development will be in conjunction with the construction of Inland Rail.

Overall the conference was a very worthwhile experience and one in which many of the delegates learnt much about Inland Rail.

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

The conference discussed the impacts on the Australian freight industry and the benefits it will deliver as the project progresses.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Ongoing development of the freight potential within the Narromine region.

Signature: Cr Craig Davies

Date: 31/5/21

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

Macquarie Valley Weeds Conference, Lightning Ridge

COUNCILLOR: **Cr Lyn Jablonski**

DATE ATTENDED: **24th to 26th May 2021**

- **Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**

Visit to Hudson Pear facility Lightning Ridge
Visit to Cumborah to see Hudson Pear site
Visit to Grawin Hudson Pear site
Visit to Bevans Cactus Nursery, Lightning Ridge
Macquarie Valley Weeds Committee General Meeting

- **Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**

The current Australian distribution of Hudson Pear is north-western NSW (primarily around the opal mining areas of Lightning Ridge, Grawin and Glengarry and at Cumborah, although infestations have also been reported from Brewarrina, near Coonamble and Goodooga), South Australia and Western Australia. There are unconfirmed reports of its presence around opal mining areas in Queensland. Estimates of the area of NSW infested range from 60 000 to 100 000 hectares. Tiger Pear and Harrisia Cactus are also on the increase and have been found in Narrromine by Narrromine Shire Council's Biosecurity Officer. Bathurst Biosecurity Officer is liaising with RMS, Transport NSW, LLS and Crown Lands to highlight the importance of weed control in their areas.

- **Benefits to Narrromine Shire Council**

There is a huge amount of networking done at these meetings and a massive amount of information is shared. Weeds do not have Council boundaries and have the potential to affect the whole state, if not Australia. All councils need to be vigilant in this regard.

Hudson pear has spread as far as Brewarrina and Coonamble and that is something we should be very aware of.

- **Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**

Continued Councillor representation to these meetings along with the Biosecurity Officer to network and be educated on what is happening with the spread of noxious plants.

Signature: Cr Jablonski

Date: 1/6/2021

DELEGATE REPORT

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

COUNCILLOR: **Cr. Colin Hamilton**

DATE ATTENDED: **5/05/2021**

- **Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**
Monthly Committee meeting

- **Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**
 1. Trangie Town entrance Signs – Director Community and Economic Development looking for some suitable lighting to add to the signs. Update to be provided.
 2. The lane-way near Delta Ag requires a clean-up.
 3. Damage to garden beds/edges noted.
 4. Street signs are pointing in the wrong direction. Signs not secured properly to prevent turning on the pole.
 5. RFDS reported that the alarms at the old doctor's surgery are not working?
 6. Christmas 2021 – Letter to Council enquiring about the \$5000 to help cover costs of running the annual Christmas Party.
 7. Council maintenance of footpaths near residences appears inconsistent. Some are done while others not?
 8. Council are to be commended for the new playground equipment (lots of children are very happy), and the new bin covers along the main street look great.

- **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**
Provides a direct avenue of communication between Council and the Trangie Community to discuss activities, promotions & issues in & around Trangie.

- **Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**
Continued attendance at ALL TAG meetings

Signature Colin Hamilton

Date 05.05.2021

DELEGATE REPORT

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

COUNCILLOR: **Cr. Colin Hamilton**

DATE ATTENDED: **2/06/2021**

- **Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**
Monthly Committee meeting

- **Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**
 1. Trangie Town entrance Signs – Director Community and Economic Development looking for some suitable lighting to add to the signs. Update to be provided.
 2. Lease of the Guide Hall. TAG wish to discontinue the lease on expiry at end of June, and Council to draw up a new lease direct with the tenant. TAG representative to liaise with Director Community and Economic Development.
 3. TALC grant applications have been successful and will see new units constructed at Kurrajong Court and solar panel installations on their other houses around town.
 4. Christmas 2021 – Not sure if the funding from Council will be available as “something BIG” is happening but not yet announced??
 5. Letter to Council commending them for the enhanced entrance area to the pool and new playground equipment. TAG suggests an extra bin and another table at the park would be good.
 6. Farewell for Anne and Andy Holden to be held on Friday 25th June, 6pm.

- **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**
Provides a direct avenue of communication between Council and the Trangie Community to discuss activities, promotions & issues in & around Trangie.

- **Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**
Continued attendance at ALL TAG meetings

Signature Colin Hamilton

Date 03.06.2021

minutes

Meeting of:	Orana Joint Organisation
Date:	24 February 2021
Time:	9.00am
Venue:	Narromine Council Chambers

ATTENDEES:

Clr Craig Davies (Chair)	Mayor, Narromine Shire Council
Clr Ash Walker	Deputy Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Clr Ambrose Doolan	Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Clr Des Kennedy	Mayor, Mid-Western Regional Council
Clr Milton Quigley	Mayor, Warren Shire Council
Clr Ray Donald	Mayor, Bogan Shire Council
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Roger Bailey	General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Jane Redden	General Manager, Narromine Shire Council
Brad Cam	General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council, JO Board Interim Executive Office & Minute Taker
Stephen Glen	General Manager, Warren Shire Council
Derek Francis	General Manager, Bogan Shire Council
Peter Evans	Office of Local Government
Ken Harrison	Department of Premier & Cabinet

GUESTS

Dugald Saunders MP	Local Member
Scott McLachlan & Shannon Nott	Western NSW Health
Lachlan Paull & Mark Hannan	Transport for NSW
Tim Collins & Jessica Holland	NSW Planning Western Region

1 WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for:

Clr Doug Batten	Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Ashley Albury	Department of Premier & Cabinet

2021/001 RESOLVED Crs Walker/Doolan that the apologies received for Clr Doug Batten and Ashley Albury be accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2021/002 – RESOLVED Clrs Donald/Quigley that the minutes of the meeting held 13 July 2020 and the notes of the meeting held 1 October 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6 PRESENTATIONS

Dubbo Member – Dugald Saunders MP

Talked about the ongoing future of Joint Organisations, noting that only a couple of JOs in the state are actually functioning. They are not supported well enough by the State Government. Dugald will support the Orana JO if we want to withdraw from the JO. General discussion around becoming an informal group with informal meetings of Mayors. Will require each Council to resign from the JO.

2020/003 - RESOLVED Clrs Walker/Donald that each Council consider resigning from the JO with a response by end of April 2021.

CARRIED

2020/004 – RESOLVED Clrs Walker/Donald that the Orana JO write to all former ROC Councils to be part of a volunteer organisation.

CARRIED

Western NSW Dept Health - Scott McLachlan and Shannon Nott

Provided an update into the enquiry into Rural Health noting:

- Have challenges with Rural Health
- We are seen as a global leader
- Rural Health deficit in health workers, significant deficit
- Medical and health numbers are decreasing in rural areas, yet 44% increase in doctors
- Rural decline 30% to 40% getting doctors to be GPs
- Rural award is a fee for service not a wage, so it has discouraged young doctors
- Number of aging doctors – 52% over 5 years, 73% will retire in 10 years
- Doctor Connect – website will show what incentives your community will get for rural doctors. GPs are federally funded
- Health behaviours – problem, fruit and vegetables
- Workforce program – providing flexible employment options
- CSU/WSU joint program in medicine – working on a rural generalist pipeline

- Ochre won tender to recruit doctors (doctor package \$500k plus house, plus car, stay for 3yrs buy car for \$1).

Central West & Orana Regional Transport Plan (via Teams) - Lachlan Paull & Mark Hannan

Provided powerpoint presentation (slides to be sent)

- Whole government approach to transport. 19 Council's participated, transport issues for each region.
- Workshops – 50 key officers consultations
- Orana Sub Region – discuss freight routes, improved public transport, road quality improvements.
- Public exhibition of draft Plan later in the year (mid-year)
- Target stakeholder engagements
- Report on progress annually – over the next 5 years, after it is approved.

NSW Planning Western Region; Regional Plans - Tim Collins & Jessica Holland

They access gateway applications

Central west/Orana Plan: Economy, environment, transport, communities

Regional themes – driving region plan, reviewed every 5 years.

7 CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE / REPORT

Clr Davies expresses his concern that there has been no response from the State Government about the sustainability of the JO.

Clr Davies caught up with Councils, talking about Murray Darling Basin Association.

Rugby Centre JO discussion

Ash Walker – to write back, support project in Western Region, in principle, as a Rugby Centre.

Mudgee the Rugby Centre, their mission is to bring rugby back to the bush. Milton wants the Rugby Centre in the Central West, but not necessarily in Mudgee. He supports the Centre but not in Dubbo. Wants country rugby back in strength. Country Rugby should have a base.

2020/005 – RESOLVED Clrs Walker/Quigley that the Orana JO provide in principle support for a Rugby Centre to be located in the Central West, however this Centre cannot be at the expense of a rugby presence in the smaller communities throughout the Orana and Western Region.

CARRIED

8 FINANCE REPORT

2021/006 RESOLVED Crs Walker/Doolan that the Finance Reports be accepted.

CARRIED

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 Pete Evans – capacity building fund response

Still no response received and Peter will chase up the Office of Local Government.

10 REPORTS

10.1 OWUA Update

2021/007 – RESOLVED Clrs Donald/Doolan that the Orana Water Utilities Alliance (OWUA) update as at 18/02/2021 be noted.

CARRIED

10.2 OWUA Report of Technical Committee Chair

2021/008 –RESOLVED Clrs Doolan/Quigley that the Orana Water Utilities Alliance (OWUA) report of the Technical Committee Chair as at 18/02/2021 be noted.

CARRIED

11 CORRESPONDENCE

2021/009 – RESOLVED Clrs Walker/Kennedy that the correspondence be noted.

CARRIED

12 NEXT MEETING

The Executive Officer will contact the Board to arrange a time in May 2021.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed 11.30am.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 4) were confirmed at a meeting held on the 12th day of May 2021, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 24 February 2021.

Chair:

minutes

Meeting of: Orana Joint Organisation
Date: 12 May 2021
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Narromine Council Chambers

ATTENDEES:

Clr Craig Davies (Chair)	Mayor, Narromine Shire Council
Clr Ash Walker	Deputy Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Clr Ambrose Doolan	Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Clr Milton Quigley	Mayor, Warren Shire Council
Clr Ray Donald	Mayor, Bogan Shire Council
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Stephen Glen	General Manager, Warren Shire Council
Derek Francis	General Manager, Bogan Shire Council
Peter Evans	Office of Local Government
Ken Harrison	Department of Premier & Cabinet
Ashley Albury	Department of Premier & Cabinet

GUESTS

Name	Title
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1 WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.30am.

Peter Evans from the NSW OLG advised the JO of his resignation from the Office of Local Government.

The JO thanked Peter for his support as the JO Community Engagement Officer, noting that he has always taken up our issues and represented us at the OLG.

Peter was thanked and wished luck for the future.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for:

Roger Bailey	General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Clr Des Kennedy	Mayor, Mid-Western Regional Council
Clr Doug Batten	Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council

2021/010 RESOLVED Clrs Walker/Donald that the apologies received for Roger Bailey, Clr Des Kennedy and Clr Doug Batten be accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2021/011 – RESOLVED Clrs Doolan/Quigley that the minutes of the meeting held 24 February 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE / REPORT

Peter Evans commented that other Joint Organisations are in a similar position as the Orana JO. We will have to wait until the review of JO's is complete.

8 FINANCE REPORT

2021/012 RESOLVED Crs Walker/Donald that the Finance Reports be accepted.

CARRIED

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 Ongoing future of Orana JO

2021/012 – RESOLVED Clrs Donald/Walker:

That the Chair:

1. write to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shelley Hancock, advising that the Orana JO member councils have resigned from the Orana JO; and
2. ask that the Minister for Local Government dissolve the Orana JO.

CARRIED

9.2 Voluntary Collaborative Group of Councils – next step

Firstly, write to all former OROC members and ask what model they want.

Letter coming from Craig to all Mayors of the former OROC.

The GM Group will discuss at their 4 June 2021 meeting.

2021/013 – RESOLVED Clrs Donald/Walker:

That the Chair writes, on behalf of the Orana JO, to all former OROC members to invite them to provide feedback on how we can form a volunteer group of Councils, and request a response from the June Council meeting.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS

10.1 OWUA Update

2021/014 – RESOLVED Clrs Doolan/Walker that the minutes of the Orana Water Utilities Alliance (OWUA) meeting held on 8 April 2021 be noted.

CARRIED

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Craig spoke of the Murray Darling Basin. He talked about the Gin Gin Weir, in particular the work being done on the rebuild of the weir, and that an environmental group in Dubbo are trying to stop the weir construction. Craig is going to attend the AGM, trying to get a voice for the region.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed 10.30am.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 3) were circulated to the Orana JO for review on 8 June 2021, and were considered by all to be a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 12 May 2021.

Chair: