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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 10 MARCH 2021**  
**MAYORAL MINUTE**

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## **1. MAYORAL DIARY**

### February 2021

1 February	Meeting with Landholder regarding Inland Rail Meeting with Floodplain Consultant Meeting with Director Infrastructure and Engineering
4 February	Meeting with Community Members Meeting with Regional Development Australia Meeting with Local Land Service
5 February	Meeting with Dugald Saunders
8 February	Meeting with Transport Industry Representatives
9 February	Meeting with Newell Highway Taskforce
10 February	Rural Fire Service Area Management Meeting Ordinary Council Meeting
11 February	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting New Residents Welcome Evening
15 February	Meeting with Bogan Shire Mayor and General Manager Meeting with Cobar Shire Acting Mayor and General Manager
16 February	Meeting with Warren Shire Councillor and General Manager Meeting with Coonamble Shire Mayor and General Manager
17 February	Meeting with Gilgandra Shire General Manager Meeting with Warrumbungle Shire General Manager Meeting with Mid-Western Shire Mayor, General Manager and Councillors
18 February	Flight to Sydney Meeting with Deputy Premier and Chief of Staff Meeting with Minister for Education, Sarah Mitchell
19 February	Meeting with Deputy Secretary Department Primary Industries
22 February	Murray Darling Association Meeting via Teams
23 February	Meeting with Minister Pavey via Teams Floodplain Management Committee Meeting Meeting with General Manager, Directors and Councillors
24 February	Orana Joint Organisation Meeting Meeting with Skillset
25 February	Meeting with Settlement Services International Meeting with Director of Boosting Local Care Workforce Program Trangie Showground & Racecourse Advisory Committee Meeting
26 February	Inland Growth Summit Meeting with Development Proponent from Dubbo

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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## **2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY**

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1 February	Narromine Aviation Committee Meeting
10 February	Ordinary Council Meeting
11 February	New Residents Welcome Evening
19 February	Cobar Mayor's State Funeral Service
23 February	Meeting with General Manager, Directors and Councillors
25 February	Trangie Showground & Racecourse Advisory Committee 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 February 2021 (**See Attachment No. 1**)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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## **4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL – SUBMISSION**

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has commenced its review for the 2021 annual determination.

The Tribunal will review the minimum and maximum fee levels for each category.

### **Categories**

Each of the councils is allocated into one of 11 categories. Non-metropolitan Councils are categorised as either: -

- Mayor Regional City
- Major Strategic Area
- Regional Strategic Area
- Regional Centre
- Regional Rural
- Rural

Narromine Shire Council is categorised as a rural council. This categorisation typically has a residential population of less than 20,000. Other features may include: -

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- One or two significant townships combined with a considerable dispersed population spread over a large area and a long distance from a major regional centre
- Limited range of services, facilities and employment opportunities compared to Regional Rural councils
- Local economies based on agricultural/resource industries

Currently there are 57 Councils categorised as Rural (see below).

Rural (57)			
Balranald	Cootamundra-Gundagai	Junee	Oberon
Bellingen	Cowra	Kyogle	Parkes
Berrigan	Dungog	Lachlan	Snowy Valleys
Bland	Edward River	Leeton	Temora
Blayney	Federation	Liverpool Plains	Tenterfield
Bogan	Forbes	Lockhart	Upper Hunter
Bourke	Gilgandra	Moree Plains	Upper Lachlan
Brewarrina	Glen Innes Severn	Murray River	Uralla
Cabonne	Greater Hume	Murrumbidgee	Walcha
Carrathool	Gunnedah	Muswellbrook	Walgett
Central Darling	Gwydir	Nambucca	Warren
Cobar	Hay	Narrabri	Warrumbungle
Coolamon	Hilltops	Narrandera	Weddin
Coonamble	Inverell	Narromine	Wentworth
			Yass

Dubbo Regional Council is classified as a Regional Centre.

The Tribunal is only required to review categories every three years and will next consider the model, the criteria applicable to each group and the allocation of councils in detail in 2023.

The Tribunal will however, as part of its 2021 review, will consider any requests to review the categorisation, fees and any general matters as part of its review. Submissions of Council should be received by the Tribunal no later than Friday 19 March 2021. Any information provided to the Tribunal may be made available under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

**Councillor Fees**

Current fees for Rural Category Councils are: -

Councillor Annual Fee		Mayor Additional Fee	
Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
9,190	12,120	9,780	26,530

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**4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL – SUBMISSION (Cont'd)**

The methodology for the setting of remuneration for Mayors is unreasonable. To suggest a Mayor for a Rural Category Council works less hours than their city counterpart highlights a lack of understanding and consideration to the role. Distance issues force many Mayors to spend countless hours in vehicles. In addition, rural Councils are far more subjected to floods, droughts, dust storms and pestilence. This is on top of very limited funding for our vast Shires.

Many rural Mayors such as myself work an average of 50 hours weekly and are unable to seek employment to gap the shortfall. Our lives are our work and our communities our focus entirely.

It is noted that a Queensland Mayor earns \$108,000 as apposed to \$36,000.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That a submission be made with regard to increasing the Mayor Additional Fee for Rural Councils.

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**5. GENERAL MANAGER DECLARATION OF INTEREST – INLAND RAIL**

In accordance with Clause 4.10 of Council's Code of Conduct the General Manager has declared a pecuniary interest in all Council matters that may consider acquisition of property for the Narramine to Narrabri route as well as consideration of quarry supplies for the construction of the railway.

A disclosure by the General Manager must as soon as practicable after the disclosure is made, be laid on the table at a meeting of the Council and the Council must deal with the matter to which the disclosure relates or refer it to another person to deal with.

It is proposed that consideration of these matters be undertaken by the Director Community and Economic Development.

The General Manager has determined that all other matters relating to the Inland Rail Narramine to Narrabri route are not affected by any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests, i.e. grade separation, road upgrades, social impact issues etc. As a result, the General Manager will continue to undertake a leadership role in these matters.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Declaration of Interest by the General Manager be noted and, in accordance with Clause 4.13 of the Code of Conduct, all Council matters that consider acquisition of property for the Narramine to Narrabri railway route as well as consideration of quarry supplies for the construction of the railway be undertaken by the Director Community and Economic Development.

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**6. GENERAL MANAGER DECLARATION OF INTEREST – EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT**

Council will recall that on 11 September 2019 the General Manager declared a Pecuniary Interest in the matter of the Designated Development Proposal for an Extractive Industry at 1210 Wallaby Road, Narromine, as the applicant for the development and co-owner of the land on which the development is to occur.

Council subsequently resolved that the assessment of this Development Proposal be made by an independent consultant, with determination of the application being made by the Joint Regional Planning Panel (**Resolution No 2019/212**).

The Joint Regional Planning Panel has now verbally advised that it is unlikely it will be able to determine the application as the development application is for the approval of a mine and not an extractive industry. Council is awaiting written confirmation from the Joint Regional Planning Panel.

As a consequence, the development will likely need to be determined by Council as the consent authority.

Under Clause 4.13 of the Code of Conduct, Council must deal with the matter to which the disclosure relates or refer it to another person to deal with.

It is recommended that should the Joint Regional Planning Panel be unable to determine the application, it be put before Council for determination.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That in accordance with Clause 4.13 of the Code of Conduct, that should the Joint Regional Planning Panel be unable to determine the application, it be put before Council for determination.

Cr Craig Davies  
**Mayor**

## DELEGATE REPORT

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

COUNCILLOR Cr. Colin Hamilton

DATE ATTENDED 3/02/2021

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

Monthly Committee meeting

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

- A) Trangie Town entrance Signs – Phil Johnson looking for some suitable lighting to add to the signs. Where is this up to?
- B) Christmas 2021 – What contributions are Council planning to make toward Christmas events in Trangie in 2021?
- C) Could the funds from Council which were to be used for Christmas 2020 be used for an Easter event?
- D) Lease at the Guide Hall – Has the lease for the Guide Hall been transferred from TAG to Jodie?
- E) Are there any plans for better or additional playground equipment to be installed in the park near the library?
- F) Graffiti – Is Council planning to remove the graffiti near the library, or is this something which TAG can get involved with?

#### 3. **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

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

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

*Continued attendance at all TAG meetings*

Signature Colin Hamilton

Date 25.02.2021