

1. MAYORAL DIARYDecember, 2016:

Wednesday, 14:

Newell Highway Taskforce Meeting, Forbes;

Thursday, 15:

Trangie High School Presentation Day;
Meeting Jo Lawrence, FACS Dubbo;January, 2017:

Thursday, 5:

Meeting with Mike Bennett re water issues;

Monday, 9:

Pink Pigeon Race;

Meeting with Interim General Manager;

Meeting with David Cliffe, Narromine Transplants re
Manuka Honey potential for Shire;

Wednesday, 11:

Meeting with recruitment consultant, Crs Collins and
McCutcheon;

Thursday, 12:

Meeting with Interim General Manager, Director
Infrastructure & Engineering Services and Cr McCutcheon
re Webb's Siding levee bank issues;

Monday, 16:

Meeting with Interim General Manager;

Meeting with Robert Webb re rail line at Webb's crossing;

Wednesday, 18:

Extraordinary Meeting of Council;

Councillor Workshop re Narromine sports complex;

Thursday, 19:

Meeting with Interim General Manager;

Meeting with Executive Officer, Macquarie River Food &
Fibre;

Monday, 23:

Interviews for General Manager position;

Meeting with Green's Turf at Trangie Oval;

Tuesday, 24:

Extraordinary Meeting of Council re appointment of
General Manager;Meeting with General Manager, Manager Events, Tourism
& Economic Development, and Chair EDG re RDA
submission;

Wednesday, 25:

Fish fingerling release at Narromine boat ramp and Trangie
ski hole;

Meeting with General Manager and Cr Collins;

Thursday, 26:

Australia Day celebrations, Narromine.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP – GAO TAI, GAN SU PROVINCE, CHINA

Council resolved at the December meeting to authorise expenditure to host a delegation from Gan Su Province, China during January 2017 with a view to establishing a Sister City relationship with Gao Tai, the site of the first gliding facility in China.

2. SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP – GAO TAI, GAN SU PROVINCE, CHINA (Cont.)

I have since been advised that the trip has been postponed however am hopeful that an alternative date will be proposed in the near future. Council will be kept informed of further developments.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

3. NARROMINE RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB INC – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Council has been approached to assist the Narromine Rugby Union Football Club in holding "The Warhorse Preseason Games" on 11 March 2017 across four different locations around town, including the river ovals, Payten Park, Cale Oval and the Narromine swimming pool.

It is anticipated the event would be open to sporting groups and individuals to provide a fun day of challenge and fitness for participants, to create exposure for some of the rugby club sponsors and to give back to the community. Any profits from the day would go to a project agreed upon by the Club and Council.

A copy of the letter from the rugby union club is attached for information (**Attachment No. 1**).

Council's Manager Events, Tourism & Economic Development has met with representatives of the Club who are seeking Council's involvement with the following:

- Assistance with traffic control and permissions;
- Free entry to the Narromine swimming pool;
- Free use of Payten and Cale ovals;
- Assistance with marketing and promotion of the event.

Council's Fees & Charges list the single use charge for Narromine's sporting ovals at \$38; however the senior football clubs are liable for a \$511 per season charge. The admission charge for the Narromine pool is \$4 per person. Council would need to consider whether it would waive the charges for the event. In the instance of waiving pool charges, from a management point of view, it is suggested that entrance fees for all attendees at the Narromine pool during the time of the event would be forgone as it would be too difficult to administer otherwise.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council provide assistance to the Narromine Rugby Union Football Club with "The Warhorse Preseason Games" event to be held on 11 March 2017;
2. That Council waive the usual charges for Payten and Cale Ovals of \$38 each for the day;
3. That Council waive the entrance fee to the Narromine Swimming Pool for all attendees at the pool during the time of the event.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP (EDG) UPDATE

The EDG held a meeting on 18 January 2017 at the Narromine Golf Club, minutes of the meeting are attached for information (**Attachment No. 2**).

A Narromine Shire 'Open for Business' event is planned for 4 - 5 May 2017 to showcase what the Shire has to offer for potential business and industry stakeholders to relocate to our region. Council and the EDG have written a letter to Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana seeking a cash contribution of \$20,000 to assist in staging the event.

I have also made representations to NSW Deputy Premier John Barilaro, Minister Niall Blair (then Minister for Primary Industries and Land & Water; now Minister for Primary Industries, Regional Water and Trade & Industry), and Local Member Troy Grant in relation to water allocations on the Macquarie River and the management of the Macquarie Marshes to the detriment of local agriculture operations.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies,
Mayor.



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NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL	
FILE NO.	26-02-01
OWNER	Jane
DATE:	16 DEC 2016
INFO.	
COMMENTS	

Dear Jane Redding

The Narromine Rugby Club is looking to create a sporting/fitness event called "The Warhorse Preseason Games" in mid March (the 11th March).

We are looking at having four different events at four different locations around town. Firstly the River Ovals, Payten Park, the swimming pool and lastly Cale Oval. The events would look to start in the morning (8-9am) and finish around mid afternoon (1-2pm)

Each event would be held in timed heats of 5-10 people in each heat, which would test different types of fitness, strength and endurance in a fun and novel way (much like crossfit games). Some examples are tractor tyre flipping, loaded wheel barrow racing, swimming and wading through the water with weights.

Everyone would be invited to participate with invites going out to different sporting clubs/organisations and advertising to invite the public.

There would be different divisions in which participants would compete – Open men (18-40yrs), open women (18yrs +) Junior men(16-18yrs) junior women (16-18yrs) and Silverbacks (40yrs +) . Each different division would have different levels of difficulty or governing rules, e.g. the open women may have to finish the same challenge as the men but are able to do it in pairs or teams.

Each event of the games would be independent of the other events, so all participants would be at one location until the end of the heats then would move on to the next location by their own means or a group could be escorted by a Gorilla representative.

The participants would be asked to pay an entry fee which would cover insurance and other fees, also including a BBQ lunch, T-shirt and beverage once the final event at Cale Oval is completed. The entry fee would be kept as low as possible so it is attractive and affordable to everyone but also enough to make a small profit to be put back into the Narromine community.

The aim of the "Warhorse Preseason Games" would be firstly for a fun day of challenge and fitness for participants, secondly a way to create exposure for some of the Rugby club's sponsors e.g. AgnVet would supply the materials needed to create some of the events – bags of dog biscuits to be used in weighted hill sprints, or Tresseder's supply the wheel barrows to be used.

Thirdly to give back to the community, the profits made from the day would go back into a project that could be agreed on between the club and the Narromine Council, we are very keen on investing in the rejuvenation of the fitness centre/gym.

We would be looking to advertise this events on several different formats of media, social media, the local newspapers and also word of mouth with prominent people who are involved in such events e.g The Titan Macquarie Mud Run organisers.

The Rugby Club would also like to involve the council in this event as a sponsor/adviser, as an example- letting the event use the sports facilities like the pool for free or at a lower charge to keep the cost down for the participant and increasing the amount which we could donate back into the community.

I personally think this could be a great way to give the council positive exposure throughout the shire and region and also show a positive cooperation between the council and the Rugby Club.

The Narromine Rugby Club would be very grateful for any advice or help that the council could provide and I am very happy to provide more details or information which you would think is relevant.



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I look forward to hearing your reply and ideas on such an idea and thank you for giving your time to read this letter and take this event into consideration.

Kind regards,

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 18, 2017

Location: Narromine Golf Club

Time: 4:30pm

PRESENT

Phil MacInnes (Chair), Tracy McIntyre (Corambie Pastoral Co.), Peter Kierath, Jodi Browning (Farmer), David Cliffe (Narromine Transplants), Robert Handsaker (Handsaker Ford), Craig Davies (Mayor, Narromine Shire Council), Lyn Jablonski (Councillor, Narromine Shire Council) and Sarah Press (Secretary).

WELCOME

Chair MacInnes welcomed everyone present and declared the meeting open at 4:50pm.

APOLOGIES

Stewart Crawford and Andrew Cayzer.

RESOLVED Moved by Peter Kierath, seconded by Chair that the apologies be accepted.

BUSINESS

Narromine Shire Open Day – 5-6 May, 2017

The committee discussed the need to target businesses that would be interested in potentially investing in the Narromine Shire. To do this successfully, the committee highlighted the need to speak with existing business people in order to see what can be improved in the Shire, what areas are lacking and what industries/businesses can be introduced to value add to the existing businesses in order to drive economic growth

Businesses/individuals to target: Chesterfields, Pioneer, Enza Zaden, NDF, Auscott, Agriland, Agrigrain, Plum Grove, a flour miller, Mike Mrdak, Senator Fiona Nash, JB Swift and Vincent Herron.

The committee agreed the Open Day should commence on Friday 5 May, with an official welcome (John Wagner from Toowoomba was raised as a possible candidate), tours around the Shire's businesses throughout the day, lunch and a cocktail event of sorts on the Friday evening.

Invitations to the Open Day should come from both Council and the EDG working in collaboration after a personal approach to businesses is made first. Invites need to be sent by mid-February.

To be a success, the committee felt it important to have at least 30 businesses/individuals accept an invitation to the Open Day, with a clear focus on showing off the Shire's positive attributes, not the constraints of issues such as zoning, commercial development and non-existent residential development given the lack of incentive to construct new-build homes in the area.

ACTION: Committee members to nominate businesses and business people to speak to in order to find out what they need to improve and encourage growth or value add. Nominations are to be added to the collaborative Google Document.

ACTION: Chair to speak with Murray Feddersen to gauge possibility of an aircraft display on Saturday May 6.

ACTION: A letter is to be written to Orana RDA by the Economic Development Group in conjunction with Council, asking for \$20,000 funding for the Open Day. The letter is to be addressed to Tracy McIntyre as the RDA Representative and submitted before their February 6 meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

The importance of making a formal submission to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority against the proposed amendments to the plan (against the buyouts) was raised and is to be made by the Economic Development Group prior to the closing date of February 10, 2017.

ACTION: EDG to make a formal submission to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority against the buyouts in the proposed amendments to the basin plan before February 10, 2017.

David Cliffe spoke of the possibility of Narromine becoming a Manuka Honey hub. Made from Manuka, which is grown in a hedge, the honey, due to its antibacterial properties, is worth between \$40/kilo and \$100/kilo and is seen to be an efficient use of irrigation water. The hub would involve landholders growing and irrigating the plant (which flowers for approximately 10 weeks) and contract beekeepers to collect the honey. The EDG felt it was important the business be invited to the Open Day and that they help in any way to encourage this potential business development in the Narromine Shire.

The possibility of driving economic growth through the horse industry by utilising Narromine's race course and stable facilities was raised as a topic to be discussed at a future meeting.

RDA Orana is looking for new committee members who can put aside personal interests in the effort to grow the region. The EDG members are encouraged to suggest or speak with anyone they know in the Western area who may be interested in the position.

NEXT MEETING – to be advised.

Meeting declared closed at 6:30pm

Chair
Phil MacInnes