

**1.      ORANGE CITY COUNCIL**

A letter has been received from the Mayor of Orange City Council regarding the Highway between Trangie and Nevertire (**See Attachment No. 1**).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**2.      IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION**

A letter has been received from the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, the Hon Alex Hawke MP, regarding Australian Citizenship Ceremonies (**See Attachment No. 2**).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**3.      JAMEA AND TYRIE ROADS**

Correspondence has been received from Mr and Mrs G Broughton thanking Council for obtaining funding to repair Jamea Road and for completing the bitumen on the Tyrie Road at Dandaloo (**see Attachment No. 3**).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

# Attachment No. 1

D17/45174

8 August 2017



Cr Craig Davies  
Mayor  
Narromine Shire Council  
PO Box 115  
NARROMINE NSW 2821

*Craig*  
Dear Cr Davies

At its meeting of 1 August 2017, Council resolved the following:

**RESOLVED - 17/001**

**Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton**


*That Council write to relevant councils, the State Member for Orange, the National Member for Calare, and the Minister for Roads to seek funding to improve the road between Trangie and Nevertire.*

Council has since become aware that funding has been granted as part of the Community Road Safety fund to provide improved line marking and resealing to target fatigue along this section of the Mitchell Highway between Trangie and Nevertire, New South Wales.

Having recently lost three young men from the Orange community on this stretch of Highway and seven lives since 2012, Council has written to the above State and Federal members and the Minister for Roads to see further funding support towards future major works on this road to drive the toll towards zero.

Orange City Council is happy to provide support to help maximise funding for this dangerous section of the Mitchell Highway.

Yours sincerely

  
Cr John Davis OAM  
MAYOR

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**THE HON ALEX HAWKE MP  
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION AND  
BORDER PROTECTION**

Cr Craig Davies  
His Worship Mayor of Narromine Shire Council  
PO Box 115  
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Dear Mayor,

**Australian citizenship ceremonies**

I am writing in regard to Australian citizenship ceremonies which are conducted by Councils such as yours under an authorisation by the Minister responsible for citizenship matters, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, and in accordance with the *Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code* ('the Code').

This letter has been prompted by reports that a small number of Councils have used Australian citizenship ceremonies as a tool to protest the practice of celebrating Australia Day on 26 January.

Page 6 of Code provides that:

*"Citizenship ceremonies are non-commercial, apolitical, bipartisan and secular. They must not be used as forums for political, partisan or religious expression or for the distribution of material which could be perceived to be of a commercial, political or religious nature."*

The Commonwealth Government is committed to ensuring that citizenship ceremonies are treated in the 'non-commercial, apolitical, bipartisan and secular' manner prescribed by the Code. Where a Council uses a citizenship ceremony, or the ability of its office-holders to preside over one, as a tool to protest the practice of celebrating Australia Day on 26 January, I will consider this a serious breach of the *Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code*, and will revoke the authorisation of office-holders of the Council as persons who may receive a pledge of commitment.

While citizenship ceremonies may be arranged for any date throughout the year (noting that, wherever possible, citizenship ceremonies should not be scheduled on parliamentary sitting days), a citizenship ceremony should not be used as a forum to protest the practice of celebrating Australia Day on 26 January. This includes arranging a citizenship ceremony to align with an 'anti or alternate Australia Day celebration'.

Further, research undertaken by the National Australia Day Council indicates that Australia Day is the most popular day for our newest citizens to attend their citizenship ceremony. As long as Australia Day is celebrated on 26 January, this is a

fitting date for a citizenship ceremony to take place and I encourage you to continue to hold ceremonies on that date.

Importantly, the Government wants to thank the vast majority of Councils for holding citizenship ceremonies in the manner prescribed by the Code.

I also wish to thank you for the contribution your Council makes through regularly hosting citizenship ceremonies. I appreciate that councils such as yours host the majority of citizenship ceremonies and play a vital role in welcoming our newest Australian citizens into their local community.

Yours faithfully



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# Attachment No. 3

22/8/2017

Kerrie Murphy

Director of Infrastructure & Engineering services

Narromine Shire Council

Dear Kerrie,

Thank you to you, your staff and council for all the hard work that has gone into getting the funding to repair the Jamea road after the 2016 floods. The road is looking good after the recent grading and gravel resheeting.

We would also like to say thank you to council for the completion of the bitumen on the Tyrrie Road at Dandaloo. The improvement to this road is wonderful and it is such a pleasure to drive on a smooth sheeted road so thank you for this.

If we can help to lobby for future funding for the Jamea and Noondoo roads we are happy to help in whatever way we can. Please let us know what we can do to help.

Regards

Kate and Greg Broughton