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**1. MAYORAL DIARY**May 2018:

- May 17: Meeting with Member for Parkes Mark Coulton and Brendan Nerdal  
Senior Advisor Deputy Prime Minister
- May 21: Media Launch Orana Level Crossing Initiative  
Meeting Adam Marshall Minister for Tourism and Major Events
- May 24: Trangie Showground & Racecourse Advisory Committee Meeting

June 2018:

- June 1: Country Mayors Association meeting
- June 4: Meeting with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Senator Bridget McKenzie  
and Member for Parkes Mark Coulton
- June 5: Extraordinary Council Meeting
- June 13: Orana Joint Organisation meeting  
Ordinary Council Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY**May 2018:

- May 17: Meeting with Member for Parkes Mark Coulton and Brendan Nerdal  
Senior Advisor Deputy Prime Minister  
Narromine Showground & Racecourse Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 24: Trangie Showground & Racecourse Advisory Committee Meeting

June 2018:

- June 1: Reconciliation Day Celebration
- June 4: Meeting with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Member for Parkes  
Mark Coulton
- June 5: Extraordinary Council Meeting
- June 13: Ordinary Council Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**3. DELEGATE'S REPORT – TRANGIE ACTION GROUP COMMITTEE**

Attached is my Delegate's Report of the Trangie Action Group Committee Meeting held 2 May 2018 (**see Attachment No. 1**).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**4. DELEGATE'S REPORT – NARROMINE AVIATION MUSEUM COMMITTEE**

Cr Jablonski has submitted the attached Delegate's Report of the Narromine Aviation Museum Committee Meeting held 9 April 2018 (**see Attachment No. 2**).

**Note** – the funding availability as a result of the sale of the Snowy Mountains Scheme has not become apparent as yet. The Regional Growth Fund suite of funding to date is a result of the lease of the poles and wires. As soon as more detail is to hand on this funding, community groups will be advised.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**5. COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION of NSW**

The General Manager and I attended the Country Mayors Association General Meeting on Friday 1 June 2018. Some of the issues discussed included the recycling crisis; additional contributions to the Local Government Super Fund; harmonisation of the Volumetric Livestock Loading Scheme; and Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code and its application in regional and country Councils. Minutes of the meeting are attached (**see Attachment No 3.**)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**6. DELEGATE'S REPORT – NARROMINE HEALTH COUNCIL**

Cr Jablonski has submitted the attached Delegate's Report of the Narromine Health Council Meeting held 16 May 2018 (**see Attachment No. 4**).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies  
**Mayor**







# Country Mayors Association of NEW SOUTH WALES

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## MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE 2018 PRESTON STANLEY ROOM, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY

The meeting opened at 9.02am.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE:

Albury City Council, Cr Kevin Mack, Mayor  
Albury City Council, Mr Brad Ferris, Acting General Manager  
Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr Kristy Mc Bain, Mayor  
Bellingen Shire Council, Cr Dominic King, Mayor  
Bland Shire Council, Cr Tony Lord, Mayor  
Bland Shire Council, Mr Ray Smith, General Manager  
Blayney Shire Council, Cr Scott Ferguson, Mayor  
Blayney Shire Council, Ms Rebecca Ryan, General Manager  
Broken Hill City Council, Cr Marion Browne, Deputy Mayor  
Broken Hill City Council, Mr James Roncon, General Manager  
Cabonne Council, Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor  
Cabonne Council, Ms Coralie Nichols, General Manager  
Carrathool Shire Council, Ms Joanne Treacy, General Manager  
Coonamble Shire Council, Cr Michael Webb, Mayor  
Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council, Cr Abb McAlister, Mayor  
Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council, Mr Allen Dwyer, General Manager  
Dubbo Regional Council, Mr Michael McMahan, Acting General Manager  
Dungog Shire Council, Cr Tracy Norman, Mayor  
Dungog Shire Council, Ms Coralie Nichols, General Manager  
Federation Council, Cr Patrick Bourke, Mayor  
Federation Council, Mr Adrian Butler, Acting General Manager  
Forbes Shire Council, Cr Graeme Miller, Ma  
Forbes Shire Council, Mr Steve Loane, General Manager  
Gilgandra Shire Council, Cr Doug Batten, Mayor  
Glen Innes Shire Council, Cr Steve Toms, Mayor  
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Cr Bob Kirk, Mayor

Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Mr Warrick Bennett, General Manager  
Griffith City Council, Cr John Dal Broi, Mayor  
Griffith City Council, Mr Brett Stonestreet, General Manager  
Gwydir Shire Council, Cr John Coulton, Mayor  
Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Liz Campbell, Mayor  
Kiama Municipal Council, Cr Mark Honey, Mayor  
Leeton Shire Council, Cr Paul Maytom , Mayor  
Leeton Shire Council, Ms Jackie Kruger, General Manager  
Lockhart Shire Council, Cr Roger Schirmer, Mayor  
Lockhart Shire Council, Mr Peter Veneris, General Manager  
Mid Western/Mudgee Regional Council, Cr Des Kennedy, Mayor  
Mid Western/Mudgee Regional Council, Mr Brad Cam, General Manager  
Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor  
Murray River Council, Cr Christopher Bilkey, Mayor  
Murray River Council, Mr Des Bilske, General Manager  
Murrumbidgee Council, Cr Ruth McRae, Mayor  
Murrumbidgee Council, Mr Craig Moffitt, General Manager  
Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Catherine Redding, Mayor  
Narrabri Shire Council, Mr Stewart Todd, General Manager  
Narromine Shire Council, Cr Craig Davies, Mayor  
Narromine Shire Council, Ms Jane Redden, General Manager  
Oberon Shire Council, Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Mayor  
Oberon Shire Council, Mr Garry Wallace, General Manager  
Parkes Shire Council, Cr Barbara Newton, Deputy Mayor  
Shoalhaven City Council, Cr Amanda Findley, Mayor  
Singleton Council, Cr Sue Moore, Mayor  
Singleton Council, Mr Jason Linnane, General Manager  
Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Cr John Rooney, Mayor  
Temora Shire Council, Cr Graham Sinclair, Deputy Mayor  
Temora Shire Council, Mr Gary Lavelle, General Manager  
Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Peter Petty, Mayor  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Cr Brian McCormack, Mayor  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Mr Gary Woodman, Acting General Manager  
Uralla Shire Council, Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor  
Wagga Wagga City Council, Cr Greg Conkey, Mayor  
Wagga Wagga City Council, Mr Peter Thompson, General Manager  
Walcha Council, Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor  
Walcha Council, Mr Jack O'Hara, General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Cr Peter Shinton, Mayor  
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Mr Roger Bailey, General Manager  
Yass Valley Council, Cr Rowena Abbey, Mayor  
Yass Valley Council, Mr David Rowe, General Manager  
Premier and Cabinet, Regional Infrastructure Coordinator, Mr Ken Gillespie

**APOLOGIES:**

As submitted

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

Mr David Harris, CEO, Water NSW

Mr Chris Taylor, Area GM Southern NSW Telstra Customer Sales and Service

Mr David Smith, CEO, and Donna Heffernan, Deputy CEO, Local Government Super and Richard Boyfield, Partner, Mercer

Mr Tim Hansen, Stakeholder Specialist, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes need to be amended to include the attendance of Cr Reg Kidd, Mayor of Orange

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Meeting held on 2 March 2018 as amended be accepted as a true and accurate record (Singleton Council / Tenterfield Shire Council).

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

NIL

**4. Membership**

RESOLVED That Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and Kyogle Council be admitted as members of the Association (Forbes Shire Council/Tenterfield Shire Council)

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward

(a) Cr Tracey Norman, Mayor, Dungog Shire Council, advising that Dungog Shire Council has been admitted as a member of the Association

(b) Cr Rex Wilson, Mayor, Warren Shire Council, advising that Warren Shire Council has been admitted as a member of the Association

(c) The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, requesting a separate Ministry of Local Government with only Local Government functions

(d) The Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business, asking for grant funding protocols that lead to outcomes in line with councils needs and expectations

(e) The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, asking for grant funding protocols that lead to outcomes in line with councils needs and expectations

(f) Deputy Police Commissioner, Gary Worboys, Regional NSW Field Operations, thanking him for his presentation to the 2 March 2018 meeting

(g) The Hon Peter Primrose MLC, Shadow Minister for Local Government, thanking him for his presentation to the 2 March 2018 meeting

(h) Dr Robert Lang, NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, highlighting the inequities in remuneration for mayors and Councilors in NSW

- (i) Ms Lindsay cane, Royal Far West, thanking her for her presentation to the 2 March 2018 meeting
- (j) Ms Linda Daetwyler, acting Consul General, US Consul General, thanking her for her presentation to the 2 March 2018 meeting
- (k) Draft NSW Freight and Ports Plan, transport for NSW, supporting the Port of Newcastle as a container terminal

Inward

- (a) Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, Re Local Government Portfolio (Copy Attached)
- (b) Lindsay Cane, Royal Far West, thanking the Association for the opportunity to present at the March meeting
- (c) Cr Linda Scott, President, LGNSW, providing an update on LGNSW Conference resolutions (Copy Attached)

Inward

NOTED

## **6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

RESOLVED That the financial reports for the last quarter were tabled and accepted (Moree Plains Shire Council / Uralla Shire Council)

## **7. Lowering of speed limit to 40kmh around emergency incidents**

Noted. This legislation has already been introduced

## **8. Recycling Crisis**

RESOLVED (a) That the Association write to the Minister for the Environment and the EPA expressing concerns regarding Councils being steered to funding from streams that are already allocated to projects rather than the waste levy new funding opportunities

(b) That the Association seek urgent clarification of the definition of “recycle” and “recyclate” when the product is meeting the criteria for Container Deposit Funds to be refunded back to councils to use on projects clearly defined as sorting or re-use projects for products (Singleton Council/Shoalhaven City Council)

RESOLVED That the Association accept Tenterfields offer to have their Chief Executive present a paper on converting waste to energy at the next NSW Country Mayors meeting (Tenterfield Shire Council/Glen Innes Severn Council)

## **9. Mr David Harris, CEO, Water NSW**

NSW Water is the largest water supplier in Australia. It owns 42 dams and 300+ weirs and delivers water from 33 major dams. It has a statutory function to develop water infrastructure. Functions of NSW Water include source water protection, bulk water supply, system operations, bulk water infrastructure, customer transactions and information services. The 2018-2021 Strategic Plan for 800 staff goals are Our People and Safety, Our Business, Our Performance and Our Relationships. There are 8 Strategic Priorities - customer survey outcomes, not all customers are the same, customers want more choice, customers value technology and mobility, value



for money is important and customers are not clear about Water NSW's role and brand. Water NSW works with customers such as Local Government. In respect of Local Government collaboration on joint infrastructure projects has been undertaken in the Broken Hill area, the Tamworth area and the North Coast area

**10. Mr Chris Taylor, Area General Manager, Southern NSW Telstra Customer Sales and Service**

There are consistent changes in Regional NSW connectivity. Network investment drives inflows when faced with unprecedented demand for the network and a world of opportunity. Telstras network is a fixed network with 875 exchanges and a wireless network with 226 mobile sites. A mobile blackspot program is being undertaken by Telstra to boost the number of Telstra locations to 650 sites nationally representing an investment of \$260 million. Telstra are proposing co-contribution for satellite small cells that gives e-mail, basic data, and voice calls and text with a compatible device in areas where it is difficult to do so.

**11. Mr David Smith, CEO, Donna Heffernan, Deputy CEO, Local Government Super and Richard Boyfield, Partner, Mercer**

The reason for the additional contributions is that the fund has had to recover from losses imposed by the Global Financial Crisis. The fund has had to meet APRA's minimum funding requirements by 2019. There is a need to balance employers capacity to fund additional contributions. Current investment is 70% growth assets and 30% defensive assets. This needs to be turned around to 30% growth assets and 70% growth assets. APRA's standards require assets of the fund to meet the liabilities of the fund. The fund trustee may require the employer to pay additional contributions under the Trust Agreement. Currently the funding position needs to improve. Prior to the Global Financial Crisis there was a funding holiday where employers paid less which exacerbated the position after the Global Financial Crisis.

RESOLVED That the Association write to LGNSW and request that a skilled based Board be elected to Local Government Super (Goulburn Mulwaree Council/Gilgandra Shire Council)

RESOLVED That the Association write to Local Government Super requesting that once the assets exceed liabilities in 2019 that the additional contributions cease (Goulburn Mulwaree Council/ Gilgandra Shire Council)

**12 Mr Tim Hansen, Stakeholder Specialist, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and Reuben John RMS**

NHVR is engaging with stakeholders to promote productivity and safety. The approach is strategic, tactical, information and responsive and NHRV is continually using feedback from industry and councils. For customers they prepare, lodge, and track permit applications on line, respond to consent requests and review decisions, and manage all permit actions on one platform. Heavy Vehicle Access Permits can be issued by Councils or NHVR. The National Harmonisation Project objectives are

to reduce red tape, better heavy vehicle compliance, improved road safety for all road users, improved sustainability of road network, reduced environmental impacts and productivity gains

RESOLVED That the NHVR be requested to work with councils and the RMS to harmonise the Volumetric Livestock Loading Scheme to match Queensland and treat livestock as a specific freight recognizing the animal welfare requirements (Forbes Shire Council/Tenterfield Shire Council)

**13 Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code**

RESOLVED That the Country Mayors' Association write to the Minister of Planning & Environment requesting for regional and country councils who apply to the Minister, an amnesty from the new Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code for a minimum of 2 years until such time as councils have had the opportunity to engage with their communities and make required changes to Local Environmental Plans (Kiama Municipal Council/Albury City Council)

**14 Applying Clause 26 Of the CMA Constitution**

A motion was moved that, in accordance with Clause 26 of the Country Mayors Association of NSW Constitution, the Association allow nominations from the current Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Secretary should they wish to nominate for the 2018/19 term of office (Narrabri Shire Council/Gilgandra Shire Council)

The Chairperson Cr Katrina Humphries vacated the Chair for discussion on this item. Cr Paul Maytom, Mayor, Leeton Shire a non Executive member was asked to Chair discussion of this item. The Chairperson Cr Katrina Humphries and Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor, Uralla Shire Council left the meeting room.

Discussion on the matter related to all members not been given advanced notice of the motion, to not having been given background information and as to whether the extension of the term of the offices was in accordance with the Constitution.

THE MOTION WAS LOST

The Chairperson Cr Katrina Humphries returned to the meeting and resumed her role as Chairperson

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.48pm.

Cr Katrina Humphries  
Chair – Country Mayor's Association of NSW

