
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 8 MAY 2019
SUPPLEMENTARY MAYORAL MINUTE

1. COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

This report is presented to Council as a supplementary report to Item No 3 of the Mayoral Minute – Councillor Attendance.

Part of the role of a Councillor is to be an active and contributing member of the governing body; to make considered and well informed decisions as a member of the governing body, and to participate in the development of integrated planning and reporting framework (Section 232 of the Local Government Act, 1993).

Under Section 250 of the Local Government Act 1993, fees payable by a Council are payable monthly in arrears for each month (or part of a month) for which the Councillor holds office.

Section 254A(1) of the Act provides for circumstances in which Councillor's annual fees may be withheld:-

A Council may resolve that an annual fee will not be paid to a councillor or that a councillor will be paid a reduced annual fee determined by the Council:

- (a) For any period of not more than 3 months for which the councillor is absent, with or without leave, from an ordinary meeting or ordinary meetings of the council, or*
 - (b) In any other circumstances prescribed by the regulations.*
- (2) Despite this Division, if a councillor is absent, without or without leave of the council, from ordinary meetings of the council for any period of more than 3 months, the council must not pay any annual fee, or part of an annual fee, to the councillor that relates to the period of absence that is in excess of 3 months.*

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 11 July 2018 resolved that Council pay the Deputy Mayor a fee, to be deducted from the fee payable to the Mayor, for periods of 7 days or more, where the Mayor is unable to carry out the duties of Mayor, such fee to be for the period that the Deputy Mayor acts in the role of the Mayor. The calculation of this fee is to be determined at a pro rata rate of the Mayor's annual fee.

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Similarly, Council may consider resolving that the monthly fee for Councillors/Mayor is not paid when the Councillor is absent from an Ordinary Meeting of Council, unless a medical certificate is provided prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the monthly fee payable to Councillors/Mayor will not paid to a Councillor who does not attend an Ordinary Council Meeting and does not provide a medical certificate prior to the meeting.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor