
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 11 SEPTEMBER 2019
MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

2 August	Country Mayors Meeting
12 August	Meeting with Western NSW Local Health District
13 August	Meeting with Narromine Aboriginal Land Council Meeting MDBA Board
14 August	Pre meeting briefing and Ordinary Council Meeting
15 August	Opening Australian National 1000yds rifle competition Meeting with Department Premier and Cabinet
19 August	Meeting with Narromine Stock Agents Meeting with Director Community and Economic Development
21 August	Narromine Health Council Meeting
26 August	Meeting GM Various
27 August	Orana Joint Organisation Teleconference Meeting Chair Orana Joint Organisation Meeting local GP CSU Regional Consultative Committee
28 August	Meeting with Mark Coulton, Federal Member for Parkes Opening Narromine Clontarf Academy Meeting with Dugald Saunders, State Member for Dubbo
29 August	Murray Darling Association meeting Meeting regarding Levee bank status Meeting with Ratepayer Trangie Showground and Racecourse and Advisory Committee meeting
30 August	Narromine Show Sponsors evening
31 August	Narromine Show – Narromine Shire Council display

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

5 August	Narromine Local Traffic Committee Meeting
14 August	Pre meeting briefing and Ordinary Council Meeting
15 August	Narromine Showground Racecourse and Advisory Committee Meeting
29 August	Trangie Showground and Racecourse and Advisory Committee meeting
30 August	Narromine Show Sponsors evening
31 August	Narromine Show – Narromine Shire Council display

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 11 SEPTEMBER 2019
MAYORAL MINUTE

3. DROUGHT FUNDING

The General Manager and myself have recently met with Federal and State Local members to discuss current and future drought measures. Our view is that the current assistance does not extend broadly enough to the businesses and contractors that are linked to the agricultural decline caused by the drought and that assistance such as that provided under previous governments, namely the Federal Exceptional Circumstances scheme would provide greater and broader benefit in terms of current conditions and recovery after the drought ends.

I have also met with the Rural financial Counselling service who have reiterated my thoughts in relation to drought assistance. Therefore I think it is timely to include a motion to the 2019 LGNSW conference imploring both levels of government to provide a swift and immediate response that allows our agricultural producers, and those that depend on the sector, namely contractors, businesses and farm workers access to greater assistance that will provide the necessary funding for them to continue to operate now and post drought recovery.

RECOMMENDATION

That Narromine Shire Council submit the following motion to LGNSW 2019 conference;

That LGNSW lobbies the Federal Government for the reinstatement of the Exceptional Circumstances Scheme along the same lines that it operated prior to abolition, and the NSW government be called upon to introduce a Council rate rebate scheme that is available, on application to those ratepayers who have suffered financial hardship due to drought.

4. DELEGATE'S REPORT – NARROMINE HEALTH COUNCIL

Cr Jablonski has submitted a Delegate's Report on the Narromine Health Council Meeting held on 21 August 2019 (**see Attachment No. 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

5. ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION

The minutes of the Orana Joint Organisation Extraordinary Meeting held on 27 August 2019 are attached (**see Attachment No. 2**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor

NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: Narromine Health Council Meeting
COUNCILLOR Lyn Jablonski
DATE ATTENDED 21.8.19

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit

A special meeting to discuss difficulties with and between the Narromine Hospital and the Narromine Shire Family Health Centre (NSFHC).

2. Key Messages/Highlights

The meeting was attended by two doctors and staff from the NSFHC, representative from Western Area Health, the acting Health Manager, the Mayor and Narromine Shire Council General Manager, a retired doctor, members of the Narromine Hospital Auxiliary and members of the Narromine Health Council.

- Concern was expressed by the Chair of the Narromine Health Council that the promised upgrades have not happened, the closure of beds and the fact the local doctors are not attending the hospital as Visiting Medical Officers (VMO's).
- She also expressed concern about the turnover of managers at the hospital over the past three years. There have been nine acting managers in the past three years.
- She mentioned the importance of the Narromine Hospital remaining a 'stand-alone' hospital.
- The Chair also said that there has been a concern from the community regarding elderly patients who have been admitted to Dubbo hospital and the difficulty their partner/family have in visiting them regularly. They feel that patients should be able to 'recover' in the Narromine Hospital easing the stress of travel.
- The importance of the community understanding how virtual medical service works. Suggestion for an open day at the hospital to show the community how it works.
- The representative from Western Area Health said that to have a locum come in to service the hospital is untenable. There are also locum shortages.
- She spoke about doing a virtual in-reach service with doctors from Rural and Remote Medical Services, which is backed up with a critical care service. There are doctors, including emergency doctors who can give advice and direct nurses to attend patients.
- As to the number of beds at the Narromine Hospital, she said that there was not enough nursing staff to safely function or operate the beds. It is about patient safety when there is not a medical officer available.
- There is the potential at the hospital to go up to 17 beds, but there are 'works' that have to be done beforehand.
- Works are being taken out at the hospital near the nurse's station.
- The way health care is delivered is changing, not just Narromine.
- There is difficulty attracting young doctors from the city

There was a discussion about doctors not visiting the hospital. It was explained that there are only two doctors who are qualified to make hospital visits at this point in time. Registrars need to be supervised for four years before they can attend independently.

Narromine Shire Family Health Centre is a privately owned business renting the building from Narromine Shire Council. They are not involved directly with the stand-alone Narromine Hospital.

A new Health Manager will be starting on the 9th of September and will be filling the permanent position. It is believed that having someone in the permanent position may alleviate some of the problems at the hospital and the problems between the hospital and the health centre.

It was emphasised that the Narromine Hospital is not closing although the beds have gone from 21 to 10 and currently capped at 12.

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

Attending these meetings gives the Council an insight into the problems the local health system is facing.

4. Suggestions for Future Action

That Council is supportive of any moves by the Narromine Health Council to assist in attracting young doctors and their families to not only practice in Narromine but also live in Narromine.

Signature Lyn Jablonski

Date 3 September 2019

MEETING OF: Orana Joint Organisation
DATE: 27 August 2019
TIME: 3.00 pm
VENUE: Via Teleconference

ATTENDEES:

Cr D Batten (Chair)	Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr D Todd	Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr C Davies	Mayor, Narromine Shire Council
Cr R Donald OAM	Mayor, Bogan Shire Council
Roger Bailey	General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Simon Jones	Acting General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council
Jane Redden	General Manager, Narromine Shire Council
Belinda Barlow	Interim Executive Officer Orana Joint Organisation
Lesley-Ann Roberts	Narromine Shire Council Minute Taker

Guests

Peter Evans Council Engagement Manager, OLG

BOARD MEETING ITEMS

1. MEETING OPEN: The Chair declared the meeting open at 3.04pm and welcomed those present on the teleconference.

2. APOLOGIES

2019/040 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Donald that the apologies of Cllr Milton Quigley, Brad Cam, Derek Francis, Ashley Albury and David Neeves be accepted.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Nil

4. 2018/2019 DRAFT UNAUDITED ORANA JO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2019/041 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Todd

1. That Orana Joint Organisation's draft 2018/19 Financial Statements be referred to audit to the NSW Audit Office.

2. That the JO resolve that the annual Financial Report is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) as amended and the regulation made thereunder;

the Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board;

the Joint Organisations Supplement to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting;

present fairly the Orana Joint Organisations operating result and financial position for the period;

accord with Orana Joint Organisation NSW's accounting and other records; that the Orana Joint Organisation is not aware of any matter that would render this report false or misleading in any way.

3. That the Orana Joint Organisation delegates the Executive Officer the authority to finalise the date at which the Auditors report and Financial Statements are to be presented to the public (as per section 419 (i) of the Local Government Act 1993

CARRIED

5. SIX MONTHLY PROGRESS AND EXPENDITURE REPORT TO OLG FOR THE ORANA JO ESTABLISHMENT FUNDS 2018-2020

2019/042 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Kennedy that the progress and expenditure report for the period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019 Orana JO Establishment Funding is accepted and forwarded to the Office of Local Government.

CARRIED

6. DRAFT ORANA JO BUDGET - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND MEMBERSHIP FEES 2019 2020

2019/043 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Donald

That the Orana JO Board adopt:

1. The 2019/2020 Expenditure budget for the Orana Joint Organisation.
2. That the 2019/2020 Ordinary Membership fees/contributions are to increase by 2.7% which represents the maximum permissible amount as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for the year 2019/2020.

3. The 2019/2020 Membership fees for the Orana Joint Organisation.

CARRIED

7. ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION DRAFT STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY

2019/044 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Todd that the Draft 2019/2020 Statement of Revenue Policy presented to this meeting be adopted and placed on public exhibition for 28 days prior to the adoption of the final documents at the Ordinary meeting of Orana JO to be held on 30 September 2019.

CARRIED

8. JO CAPACITY BUILDING FUND

It was moved Crs Donald/Kennedy

1. That the Orana JO Board acknowledge the Joint Organisation Capacity Building Fund, noting the inadequate funding made available to undertake any real objectives of the Orana JO.
2. That the Orana JO Board endorse a sub-committee to work with the Executive Officer to determine suitable projects for the Orana JO to submit to the Joint Organisation Capacity Building Fund.

2019/045 An Amendment was moved Crs Kennedy/Davies

1. That the Orana JO Board acknowledges the Joint Organisation Capacity Building Fund, noting the inadequate funding made available to undertake any real objectives of the Orana JO.
2. That the Joint Organisation Capacity Building Fund be referred to a meeting of the Orana Joint Organisation Leadership Team and any recommendation(s) be brought to the next Orana JO Board Meeting at its next meeting on 30th September 2019.

The amendment became the recommendation, was put to the vote and **CARRIED.**

minutes

9. GENERAL BUSINESS – SUBMISSIONS OF QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Clr Donald recommended that a discussion in respect of using recycled plastics as alternate road materials be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next Orana JO Board Meeting to be held on 30th September 2019.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.27 pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 – 4) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of 2019, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting via teleconference held on 27 August 2019.

Chair.

Next meeting: 30 September 2019, venue: Narromine Shire Council.

This will also be the Annual General Meeting of the Orana JO Board.