
**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 10 APRIL 2024
MAYORAL MINUTE**

1. MAYORAL DIARY

March 2024

1 March	Meeting with Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) via Zoom
4 March	Meeting with WaterTrust via Zoom
5 March	Tour of Craigie Lea, Narromine
6 March	Biodiversity Offset Reform Group Meeting via Zoom
12 March	Country Mayors Association Executive Meeting in relation to Port of Newcastle via Zoom
13 March	Meeting with Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) via Zoom Pre-Briefing Meeting Ordinary Council Meeting
14 March	Narromine Senior Citizen Morning Tea
15 March	Alliance of Western Councils Meeting Meeting with NSW Productivity Commissioner in Narromine
19 March	Trangie Senior Citizen Morning Tea
20 March	Macquarie River Food and Fibre Meeting Meeting with WaterTrust via Zoom
21 March	Meeting with Minister Jackson Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM) Meeting
22 March	Country Mayors Association Meeting
27 March	Interview with Paper Giant regarding Macquarie Water

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

March 2024

5 March	Regional Planning Briefing Tour of Craigie Lea, Narromine
12 March	Meeting with Acting General Manager
13 March	Pre-Briefing Meeting Ordinary Council Meeting
15-17 March	Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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3. DELEGATES REPORT – COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION

Attached is my delegate report on the Country Mayors Association meeting held on 22 March 2024 **(See Attachment No. 1)**.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

4. DELEGATES REPORT – COALITION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY MAYORS (CoREM)

Attached is my delegate report on the Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM) meeting held on 21 March 2024 **(See Attachment No. 2)**.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

5. DELEGATES REPORT – ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS

Attached is my delegate report on the Alliance of Western Councils meeting held on 15 March 2024 **(See Attachment No. 3)**.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

Country Mayors Association Meeting

COUNCILLOR: **Cr Davies**

DATE ATTENDED: **22 March 2024**

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

To collaborate and co-operate with all Country Councils in NSW

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

- Community Safety in rural and regional NSW inquiry
- Youth crime statistics and recent increases
- Changes to bail laws to help prevent youth crime
- Disparity between city and country in regard to crime rates
- Issues faced by NSW Police that prevent them from policing

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

Collaborating and advocating for regional and rural communities.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Maintain an active role in this organisation as it has become an effective Local Government forum for all Rural and Regional Councils.

Signature: Cr Craig Davies

Date: 3 April 2024

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM) Meeting

COUNCILLOR: **Cr Davies**

DATE ATTENDED: **21 March 2024**

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

To collaborate and co-operate with a coordinated group of Local Government Areas hosting renewables projects.

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

- Influx of State Significant projects already apparent across Renewable Energy Zone areas
- Need for housing to accommodate the workforce for projects
- Need for coordinated response from Government to enable these projects
- Need for significant spending on roads to accommodate these projects
- Pressure placed on existing communities to make way for the workforce
- Pressures on other infrastructure such as water as a result of the projects
- No consistent approach for matters concerning Voluntary Planning Agreements.

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

By joining together as a coordinated group of Local Government Areas hosting renewables projects, we will benefit by sharing information of what works and what does not. We will have greater influence in terms of lobbying government. Most importantly by adopting a coordinated approach we will be better able to shape the way renewable energy proponents operate in our Local Government Areas.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Maintain an active role in this organisation.

Signature: Cr Craig Davies

Date: 3 April 2024

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

Alliance of Western Councils (AWC) Board Meeting

COUNCILLOR: Cr. Craig Davies – Chair of AWC

DATE ATTENDED: 15 March 2024

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

Quarterly Meeting

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

- NSW Productivity Commissioner attended, investigating alternate funding models to strengthen Local Water Utilities across regional and remote NSW
- NBN Local Western NSW expanding coverage
- Local Member for Dubbo Electorate focusing on rural crime and initiatives for early intervention, community and educational programs
- Council to conduct EOs for appointment of Executive Officer to AWC

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

The aim of the Alliance of Western Councils is to advocate to State and Federal Government, collaborate with Councils on common issues, support each LGA on issues specific to their Council, network together for the benefit of delivering better local governance and outcomes for their communities and to resource share where possible.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Continued attendance at all Alliance of Western Council Meetings.

Signature: Craig Davies

Date: 3 April 2024