
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 11 OCTOBER 2023
MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

September 2023

4 September	Country Mayors Association Executive Meeting
5 September	Murray Darling Association Executive Meeting
6 September	Trangie Action Group AGM
7 September	Meeting with General Manager and Deputy Mayor Alliance of Western Councils Dinner
8 September	Alliance of Western Councils Board Meeting
11 September	NAIDOC Day Pre-Briefing Meeting of Council
12 September	Tour of Flood Levee Corridor with Consultant
13 September	Meeting with Flood Levee Consultants Ordinary Council Meeting
14 September	Tour of Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct
15 September	Country Mayors Association Rural and Regional Health Forum in Wagga Wagga
18 September	Trangie Truck and Tractor AGM
23 September	Meeting with Senator Deborah O'Neill
25 September	Extraordinary Council Meeting Murray Darling Association Conference and AGM (25 September - 29 September)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

September 2023

1 September	Narromine Agricultural Show Society Sponsors Evening
7 September	Meeting with General Manager and Mayor
13 September	Ordinary Council Meeting
14 September	RU Ok? Breakfast
25 September	Extraordinary Council Meeting
30 September	Narromine Dolly Parton Festival Welcome

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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3. DELEGATE REPORT – ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS

Attached is my delegate report on the Alliance Western Councils Meeting held on 8 September 2023 (**See Attachment No. 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

4. DELEGATE REPORT – MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AND AGM

Attached is my delegate report on the Murray Darling Association Conference and AGM held from 25 September 2023 to 28 September 2023 (**See Attachment No. 2**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

Alliance of Western Councils (AWC) Board Meeting

COUNCILLOR: Cr. Craig Davies – Chair of AWC

DATE ATTENDED: 8 September 2023

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

Quarterly Meeting

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

- The draft Funding Case to Establish a Regional Local Government Water Training Centre in the Orana Region was presented and discussed. It was resolved that the Board approach high levels of State and Federal governments to access funding.
- Leo Krikmann from United Way delivered a presentation in relation to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program.
- The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads attended the meeting. Minister Aitchison provided an overview of her portfolio and spent time with each of the Mayors and General Managers.
- Allistair Lunn, Regional Director West, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) also provided an update noting the following:
 - The state of the roads, following natural disasters in recent years, remains the biggest challenge at present with 2,500 Kilometres of damage to the State Road network.
 - RMCC remains an integral part of maintenance of the State Road network and TfNSW values the relationship they have with Councils.
- Brendan Guiney, Executive Officer, NSW Water Directorate discussed Water Security for Regional NSW. NSW Water has been working closely with Local Government and more recently the Country Mayors Association on this issue.

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. Next meeting to be held 8 December 2023 in Dubbo.

Signature: Craig Davies

Date: 4 October 2023

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

Murray Darling Association Conference and AGM, Murray Bridge

COUNCILLOR: **Cr Davies** (*Deputy Chair of Murray Darling Association*)

DATE ATTENDED: **25 September 2023 – 28 September 2023**

1. **Main Purpose of Conference**

To collaborate with Shires across the Murray Darling basin in relation to issues surrounding water, along with buyback repercussions and outcomes for our region.

2. **Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**

Minister Plibersek reinforced the Governments commitment to recovering a further 450 gicalitres or 450,000 megalitres for the environment.

There were also Presentations from;

- Andrew McConville – Chief Executive Officer, Murray Darling Basin Authority
- Simon Banks – Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder
- Dr David Post – Research Scientist, CSIRO

3. **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

Advancing with water and circular economy opportunities in the Narromine Shire and having a voice at critical Water conferences.

4. **Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**

Maintain an active role in this organisation, and as a member of the Executive, to provide advice in relation to local and regional water issues and to enhance outcomes.

Signature: Cr Craig Davies

Date: 4 October 2023