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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 22 JUNE 2022**  
**MAYORAL MINUTE**

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## **1. MAYORAL DIARY**

May 2022

2 May	Meeting with Director Community and Economic Development
3 May	Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Regional Reference Group Meeting
4 May	Ordinary Council Meeting
5 May	Meeting with UGL Limited regarding Trangie Railway Station
9 May	Meeting with Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services Meeting with Indigeco Representatives
10 May	Meeting with Representatives from Murray Darling Association, CSIRO and Investor
11 May	Meeting with Investor, Department of Premier and Cabinet Representatives Trangie Local Aboriginal Lands Council – Local decision-making workshop
12 May	Local Emergency Management Meeting Meeting with Health Department Representatives Meeting with Water Consultant Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Meeting (via Zoom)
13 May	Meeting with Trangie Hospital Representatives Meeting with Investor
16 May	Murray Darling Association Meeting
17 May	Meeting with Trangie Doctor Meeting with Dubbo Radio Representative
18 May	Macquarie Flood Reference Group Meeting
19 May	Meeting re Trangie Hall
20 May	Project Waratah Update
23 May	Country Mayors Association Executive Meeting ARTC Update with Councillors and Directors
24 May	Meeting with Dubbo Radio Representative
30 May	Interview - Water NSW Consultants Meeting with Simmons Global and the Hon Dugald Saunders with regard to the Regional Job Creation Fund (via phone)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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## **2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY**

May 2022

4 May	Ordinary Council Meeting
30 May	Meeting with Simmons Global and the Hon Dugald Saunders regarding the Regional Job Creation Fund followed by Project Site visits

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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### **3. ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS**

The Inaugural Meeting of the Alliance of Western Councils was held in Gilgandra on 30 March 2022. At this meeting, I was elected Chair of the Alliance, with Mayor Milton Quigley elected as Deputy Chair 1 and Mayor Glenn Neil elected as Deputy Chair 2.

It was also determined at this meeting that the secretariat service be provided by the Council of the Chair, in this case Narromine Shire Council at a fee of \$25,000.

The following regional matters were considered:

- LGA Boundaries, specifically the alignment of what Councils are classified as Western Councils under the portfolio of the Minister of Western NSW. The AWC to write to the Hon Dugald Saunders MP expressing the Alliance's interest to include all councils of the Western Alliance under the definitions of 'Western Councils'.
- Biodiversity Offset Scheme, regarding concerns with the scheme. The AWC to write to the Minister for Environment and Heritage, and the Hon Dugald Saunders MP outlining the detrimental impacts that Biodiversity Offset Scheme is having on Development in Regional NSW, along with examples from Councils within the Alliance.
- Staffing within Hospitals and Schools and the significant lack of resources across the region. The AWC to write to the Ministers for Health and Education requesting they outline their strategy to address the critical shortages of health service and educational professionals across the region.
- A verbal update was provided from Brad Cam, Chair of Housing Plus, regarding their Regional Housing proposal.

The next AWC meeting will be held 1 July 2022 in Nyngan.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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### **4. MEETINGS CANBERRA**

As Council would be aware, I will be attending a meeting with the Inland Rail Executive and the Hon Catherine King Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government in Canberra on Monday 20 June for an update on the project; following which I will attend a meeting with the Philippine Ambassador to Australia to discuss immigration for future workforce requirements.

Costs incurred are travel by vehicle and accommodation for two nights. A report will be provided to the following Council Meeting with further information.

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**4. MEETINGS CANBERRA (Cont'd)**

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Cr Craig Davies  
**Mayor**