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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 9 MARCH 2022**  
**MAYORAL MINUTE**

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## **1. MAYORAL DIARY**

### February 2022

1 February	Meeting with Business Operator and Director Community and Economic Development
2 February	Meeting with NBN Business Executives Meeting with Rail Consultants Regional Development Australia Dinner in Dubbo
3 February	Media Interview Meeting with Rail Employers and Indigenous Group
4 February	Meeting with Narromine Police Sergeant
7 February	Meeting with Business Developers
8 February	Introducing Asia Pacific Waste Solution and Tomingley Gold Operations Councillor Briefing Session for Draft Central West and Orana Regional Plan 2041 (via Zoom) Meeting Trangie Agriculture Research Centre
9 February	Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zones Community Network Meeting (via Zoom) Meeting with Simmons Global Ordinary Council Meeting
10 February	Meeting with Developer Meeting with Simmons Global
11 February	Sorry Day Flag Raising Ceremony
14 February	Meeting with Inland Rail Representatives Meeting with Charles Sturt University Representatives
15 February	Meeting with Developers
16 February	Mayors Forum (via Teams)
18 February	Sod Turning Trangie Indigenous Units Meeting with Proposed Developer
21 February	Meeting with Inland Rail Executives Meeting with Western NSW Local Health District Staff
22 February	Travel to Canberra for Murray Darling Association Meeting
23 February	Murray Darling Association Strategic Planning Meeting New Residents Night
24 February	Trangie Showground & Racecourse Advisory Committee Meeting Meeting with Consultant regarding Biodiversity Offset Scheme
25 February	Meeting with Director Community and Economic Development Meeting with Water Consultant
28 February	Meeting with General Manager Meeting with Director Community and Economic Development

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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## **2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY**

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7 February	Narromine Aviation Museum Committee Meeting
8 February	Councillor Briefing Session for Draft Central West and Orana Regional Plan 2041 (via Zoom)
9 February	Ordinary Council Meeting
10 February	Local Government NSW Water Management Conference Narrabri
11 February	Local Government NSW Water Management Conference Narrabri
17 February	Narromine Showgrounds and Racecourse Advisory Committee Meeting
19 February	Hit the Ground Running Webinar – Integrated Planning and Reporting
22 February	Essential Cyber Security Training for Councillors
23 February	New Residents Evening
26 February	Hit the Ground Running Webinar – Internal Audit Reporting
28 February	Tomingley Advancement Association Committee Meeting

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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## **3. 2022 FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

### **Background**

The next Federal Election is expected to be held in May 2022.

Working in conjunction with its member state and territory associations, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has developed a framework and resources for a national advocacy campaign that will run in the lead up to this election.

Based around the tagline of “Don’t Leave Local Communities Behind”, the goal is to secure funding and policy commitments that will support every Australian council and community, and ensure all Australians have an equal opportunity to share in the benefits of Australia’s post-pandemic recovery.

All Australian councils have been asked to participate in this campaign to ensure a coordinated approach that will deliver the best possible outcomes.

### **Discussion**

The Don’t Leave Local Communities Behind campaign will promote 17 priority tasks in the portfolios of economic recovery, transport and community infrastructure, building resilience, circular economy and intergovernmental relations.

**3. 2022 FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN (Cont'd)**

These priorities are based on motions passed by councils at ALGA's annual National General Assembly and have been endorsed by ALGA's Board which is comprised of representatives from all state and territory Local Government Associations.

They have been assessed by independent economists and would add around \$6.46 billion per year to Australia's Gross Domestic Product while creating 43,444 jobs.

The Don't Leave Local Communities Behind campaign will run for five weeks, with each week focussing on one of the five portfolio areas.

The full list of national Federal Election priorities that will be promoted through this campaign is outlined below:

*Economic recovery*

1. An initial injection of Financial Assistance Grants to local government of \$1.3 billion to support communities and jobs and also resolve the current practice of bringing forward two quarterly Financial Assistance Grant payments each year.
2. A commitment to return Financial Assistance Grants to at least one percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue via a phased approach.

*Transport and community infrastructure*

3. \$500 million per annum for a four-year continuation of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.
4. A strategic local roads investment program of \$300 million per annum over four years to address road transport first and last mile issues and congestion on local roads.
5. An increase in Roads to Recovery to \$800 million per annum (an additional \$300 million per annum) and the Black Spot Program to \$200 million per annum over four years, while addressing the South Australian road funding anomaly by making the additional \$20 million per annum to SA in 2021-22 and 2022-23 permanent.
6. Continuing the Stronger Regional Digital Connectivity Package at \$55 million over four years.
7. \$200 million over four years to assist councils to develop and implement innovative housing partnerships.

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*Building resilience*

8. A targeted disaster mitigation program of \$200 million per annum for four years which will reduce the costs of response and recovery and strengthen community resilience.
9. A commitment to ensuring betterment funding as a core element of disaster recovery funding arrangements.
10. A commitment to include community infrastructure that is publicly accessible and owned, and local government waste, water and wastewater assets under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.
11. A Local Government Climate Response Partnership Fund of \$200 million over four years to enable planning and preparation to minimise the impacts of climate change in local communities and enable councils to achieve climate neutrality as soon as practicable.
12. \$100 million per annum over four years provided directly to local governments to support the capabilities of Indigenous councils and the implementation of the Closing the Gap local/regional voice.

*Circular economy*

13. Support to provide guidance and advice to councils on how to unlock the circular economy locally, particularly in rural, regional, and remote areas.
14. Support to investigate and, if feasible, implement a national bin harmonisation program that will improve kerbside recycling, reduce contamination, and maximise opportunities for reuse.
15. \$100 million per annum over four years to fund local government circular waste innovation projects.

*Intergovernmental relations*

16. Reinstating local government representation to the primary intergovernmental forum in Australia, the National Cabinet.
17. Ensuring local government's ongoing voting membership of other relevant Ministerial forums.

ALGA has developed free campaign resources that can be adapted and used by all councils to ensure a consistent and effective approach.

Participating in a national advocacy campaign does not preclude this council from advocating on additional local needs and issues, but it will strengthen the national campaign and support all 537 Australian local governments.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is resolved that:

1. Council supports the national funding priorities of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), which would contribute an estimated \$6.46 billion per year to Australia's GDP and create 43,444 jobs; and
2. Council agrees to support and participate in the Australian Local Government Association's advocacy for their endorsed national funding priorities by writing to the local Federal Member(s) of Parliament, all known election candidates in local Federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association to:
  - a. express support for ALGA's funding priorities;
  - b. identify priority local projects and programs that could be progressed with the additional financial assistance from the Federal Government being sought by ALGA; and
  - c. seek funding commitments from the members, candidates and their parties for these identified local projects and programs.

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**3. DELEGATE REPORT – MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Attached is my delegate report on the Murray Darling Association Strategic Planning meeting held on 23 February 2022 (**See Attachment No. 1**)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**4. DELEGATE REPORT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

Cr Dawn Collins has submitted a delegate report on the Local Government NSW Water Management Conference held on 10-11 February 2022 (**See Attachment No. 2**)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies  
**Mayor**

## DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

**Murray Darling Association Strategic Planning Meeting**

COUNCILLOR: **Cr. Craig Davies**

DATE ATTENDED: **23 February 2022**

**1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**

Strategic Planning

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

The meeting was designed to plan for the coming five years in terms of finances and strategies of the Murray Darling Association.

There were presentations from Mr Andrew Reynold, Acting Chief Executive along with Mr Andrew Kremor, Acting Executive Director River Management, regarding key initiatives for improving river management.

The corporate plan of the Murray Darling Association was discussed followed by further presentations from Nicole Emara, Business Development Manager CSIRO, and Dr Heinz Schandel, Senior Scientist Circular Economy.

**3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

The meeting was an opportunity to further the stewardship of the Murray Darling Basin through the Murray Darling Association and ensure the ongoing visibility and sustainability of the organisation

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

Continued attendance at Murray Darling Association meetings.

Signature Cr Craig Davies

Date 24.02.22

## DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

### **Local Government NSW Water Management Conference**

COUNCILLOR: **Cr. Dawn Collins**

DATE ATTENDED: **10-11 February 2022**

**1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**

Conference

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

The conference presented many speakers touching on subjects relating to and including building resilience and capability in regard to the future of our water efficiencies.

It was strongly advocated for the Federal and NSW Governments to bolster water security for our regional and rural communities to make them more resilient in the face of a changing climate for the future.

Networking and designs were shared on water saving methods that will benefit the improvement on water education, not only within our Shire, but all Local Government areas. We as Council will need to be aware of our investments and preparation for the future of our water supply. It was also made very obvious that technology will play an enormous part in the future of our water management.

As the Narromine Shire continues to expand with housing and economic development, we need to be prepared to be able to accommodate a reliable water supply into the future.

Water is vital to everything we do.

**3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

These conferences provide a valuable forum for water education and water security.

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

Attendance at future conferences.

Signature Cr Dawn Collins

Date 24.02.22