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**MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

held on

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025

PRESENT

Councillors Ewen Jones (Mayor and Chair), Stacey Bohm (Deputy Mayor), Craig Davies, Les Lambert, Lachlan Roberts, Peter Howe, Brian Leak, Judy Smith and Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager), Mr Phil Johnston (Director Community & Economic Development), Mr Peter van der Wel (Acting Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services), Mr Barry Bonthuys (Director Finance & Corporate Strategy), Mrs Marion Truscott (Director Governance) and Mrs Sally McDonnell (Minute Taker).

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded and will be uploaded to Council's website, and persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements. This meeting must not be recorded by others without prior written consent of Council. Any person who engages in disorderly conduct may be expelled from the meeting.

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer was taken by those present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was made by the Chair.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

The Statement of Ethical Obligations was made by the Chair.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that the apology of Cr Hoey be noted.

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It was noted that Cr Hoey did apply for leave of absence.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 February 2025 be adopted.

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Cr Roberts joined the meeting at 5.34pm.

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTE**1. MAYORAL DIARY**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that the information be noted.

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2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Jones that the information be noted.

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**3. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – TOMINGLEY GOLD OPERATIONS (TGO)
PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED Crs Smith/Lambert that the information be noted.

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4. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Leak/Lambert that the information be noted.

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**5. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION,
REGION 10**

RESOLVED Crs Jones/Lambert;

1. That the report be noted, acknowledging this was the first formal Region 10 meeting since 2020.
2. That Narromine Shire Council maintains its membership with the MDA in recognition of the important role water plays in our local government area.
3. That Narromine Shire Council write to the MDA to gain their assurances that regular meetings of Region 10 will be held from now on.
4. That Narromine Shire Council replace Councillor Howe with Councillor Davies as the appointed Councillor representative to the MDA – Region 10.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**1. REPORT OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Roberts that the report of the Local Traffic Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 3 February 2025 be adopted.

2025/325**2. REPORT OF THE NARROMINE SHOWGROUND AND RACECOURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED Crs Smith/Lambert that the report of the Narromine Showground and Racecourse Advisory Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 20 February 2025 be adopted.

2025/326**3. REPORT OF THE NARROMINE AERODROME COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that the report of the Narromine Aerodrome Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 25 February 2025 be adopted.

2025/327**REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER****1. TOMINGLEY GOLD OPERATIONS (TGO) – COMMUNITY FUND PANEL**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Council approves the allocation of funds from the TGO Community Fund as follows:

- Dandaloo Church Community – to paint the Church exterior and oiling/staining the interior timber - \$15,000.
- Dusty Boots Festival – to assist with hosting country music festival in Narromine - \$2,500.
- Lifeline Central West – Men's Health Event in Narromine - \$10,000.
- NSW Rural Fire Service Orana Team – Orana Emerging Leadership Program - \$5,000.
- St Augustine's School P & F Association – to assist with School production of Wizard of Oz, including rental of staging and audio-visual equipment and sound technician - \$5,000.
- THRIV3 Paddling Pathway Program – Murungidyal Paddling Program 2025 Program - \$5,000.
- Tomingley Picnic Race Club – funds toward construction of a shelter shed - \$15,000.
- Tomingley Racecourse and Recreation Reserve – to fund the inaugural Tomingley Quick Shear in September 2025 - \$15,000.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER (Cont'd)**2. NARROMINE AND TRANGIE TENNIS FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENTS****RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Davies;

1. That Council leases four Trangie tennis courts and the clubhouse to the Trangie Tennis Club for a two-year period, at a commencing lease fee of \$115 (excluding GST) per annum, with the annual CPI increment to be applied thereafter.
2. That Council leases four Narromine tennis courts and the clubhouse to the Narromine Tennis Club for a two-year period, at a commencing lease fee of \$115 (excluding GST) per annum, with the annual CPI increment to be applied thereafter.

2025/329**3. COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2035****RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Roberts that the draft Community Strategic Plan 2035 as presented to Council be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.**2025/330**

Cr Bohm requested that photos in the document be updated to more recent photos.

Director Community and Economic Development advised that the measure on Page 33 of the report requires updating, with changes being circulated to Councillors prior to being placed on Public Exhibition.

It was noted that BOSCAR should read BOCSAR on Page 28 of the report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY**1. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025****RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Davies;

1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio be received and noted;
2. That the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

2025/331**2. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025****RESOLVED** Crs Howe/Lambert;

1. That the financial report as at 28 February 2025 be received and noted.
2. That Council notes the material variances between the actual and estimated income and expenditure identified in the report, and any adjustments to the original budget made at the Quarterly Budget Review.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS**

RESOLVED Crs Davies/Bohm that the information be noted.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**1. WORKS REPORT**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that the information be noted.

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Cr Bohm requested an update on the library works. The question was taken on notice.

2. PROPOSAL TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON DANDALOO STREET

It was moved Crs Lambert/Davies that Council request Transport for NSW reviews the speed limit on Dandaloo Street, between Merilba Street and Culling Street (as per Figure 1).

It was moved Crs Bohm/Smith that Council move into Committee of the Whole to enable full discussion of the matter

The motion was put to the vote and LOST.

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Council request Transport for NSW reviews the speed limit on Dandaloo Street, between Merilba Street and Culling Street (as per Figure 1).

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NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**1. COUNCIL MEETING AUDIO AND LIVESTREAMING**

RESOLVED Crs Jones/Bohm that a report be provided to Council regarding the enhancement of the audio system in Council Meeting Chambers and the potential to livestream future Council Meetings.

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2. CORPORATE WARDROBE

It was moved Crs Jones/Lambert that a report be provided to Council regarding the provision of a corporate wardrobe to Councillors.

The motion was put to the vote and LOST.

NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE (Cont'd)

3. RENEWABLE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY PROJECTS

It was moved Crs Smith/Bohm that all renewable and circular economy projects (including those proposed) along with big battery storage and transmissions lines that feed these projects be mapped, with size notations and placed on public view.

Discussion ensued and with the concurrence of the mover and the seconder, it was **RESOLVED** that Council write to EnergyCo advising that Council is concerned that projects maybe under the radar and ask how they intend to provide this information to our community, so that we can provide a link on our website to.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.38pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 6) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of _____ 2025 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 12 March 2025.

Chair