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**MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

held on

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 2025

PRESENT

Councillors Ewen Jones (Mayor and Chair), Stacey Bohm (Deputy Mayor), Craig Davies, Les Lambert, Lachlan Roberts, Peter Howe, Brian Leak, Judy Smith, Adine Hoey and Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager), Mr Phil Johnston (Director Community & Economic Development), Ms Melanie Slimming (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.

MEETING PROCEDURE

The Chair reminded all attendees of the importance of maintaining respectful conduct at all times during Council proceedings.

The Chair requested that all mobile phones are placed on silent or turned off during the meeting and 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

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 June 2025 be adopted.

2025/402

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mrs Marion Truscott declared a pecuniary interest in item 4 – Confidential Matters Report being Purchase of Land for Future Residential Development, as it considers property adjacent to owned property.

Mr Barry Bonthuys declared a pecuniary interest in item 2 – Confidential Matters Report being Sale of Lots 201 and 202 DP1283610, Dappo Road, as he owns property in the vicinity of the proposed development that may have an impact on the valuations of the surrounding properties.

Cr Stacey Bohm declared a pecuniary interest in item 4 – Confidential Matters Report being Purchase of Land for Future Residential Development, as her block is flagged for future purchase.

Cr Judy Smith declared a Non-Pecuniary, Not Significant Interest in item 3 – Craigie Lea Lane Industrial Development, as she owns a farm 12kms from the precinct (A distance further than the distance between Narromine and the precinct). G Job is her sharefarmer and lives on Tomingley Road, and she therefore considers that it is not significant and will continue to be involved in the matter.

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/Hoey that the information be noted.

2025/404

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**1. REPORTS OF THE NARROMINE AERODROME COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that the report of the Narromine Aerodrome Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 24 June 2025 be adopted.

2025/405

2. REPORTS OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Roberts that the recommendations from the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 17 June 2025 be adopted.

2025/406

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER**1. COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Council endorse the revised Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the making of public submissions.

2025/407**2. INCIDENT MANAGEMENT POLICY & PROCEDURES**

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Davies that Council endorse the revised Incident Management Policy and Procedures.

2025/408**3. CONTAMINATED LAND POLICY**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Hoey that the revised Contaminated Land Policy be endorsed.

2025/409**4. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Davies that the revised Compliance and Enforcement Policy be endorsed.

2025/410**5. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURNS**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that the information be noted.

2025/411**6. ACQUISITION OF LAND – EXTENSION OF BENSONS ROAD**

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Davies that Council: -

1. Make formal application to Forestry Corporation NSW to acquire approximately 1.6 ha of land traversing lot 34 DP1208346 for the essential public purpose of providing public access under the Roads Act 1993.
2. That all costs associated with the acquisition be funded through the road maintenance budget.
3. That the General Manager be delegated authority to agree to the terms and conditions of the acquisition and compensation arrangements.
4. That upon acquisition the land be classified as public road in accordance with the Roads Act 1993.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER (Cont'd)**7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Lambert;

1. That the Mayor be Council's voting member; and
2. That the General Manager and Deputy Mayor also attend the 2025 LGNSW Annual Conference.
3. That motions to the LGNSW Annual Conference (if any) be forwarded to the General Manager for consideration at Council's September Meeting.

2025/413

8. ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY 2025 – 2029

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Davies that the Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2025 – 2029 be endorsed.

2025/414

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY**1. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm;

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.

2025/415

2. FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 JUNE 2025

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Davies;

1. That the financial report as at 30 June 2025 be received and noted.
2. That Council note the material variances between the actual and estimated income and expenditure identified in the report.

2025/416

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

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that the information be noted.

2025/417

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. WORKS REPORT

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Smith that the information be noted.

2025/418

Cr Leak asked about the remaining works required for the Tullamore Road upgrade and the status of any outstanding grant funding. The question was taken on notice.

2. NATURE STRIPS AND ROAD VERGE POLICY

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Council endorse the Nature Strips and Road Verge Policy.

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3. DRAFT PROPERTY ACCESS POLICY

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Hoey that Council endorse the Property Access Policy.

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4. PUBLIC GATE AND BYPASS POLICY

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that Council endorse the Public Gate and Bypass Policy.

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5. DRINKING WATER QUALITY POLICY

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Hoey that Council endorse the Drinking Water Quality Policy.

2025/422

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. RECISSION MOTION

It was moved Crs Lambert/Davies to rescind the second part of the resolution from item No 2 of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 June 2025: -

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION

2. That the foregone amount (3%) be donated between the Narromine and Trangie Hospital Auxiliaries in equal measure.

and replace it with

2. That the foregone amount (3%) be allocated to Council's Donations, Sponsorships and Waiver of Fees and Charges budget for the 2025/2026 financial year.

The motion was put to the vote and LOST.

Cr Smith called for a division of the vote.

Those who voted for the motion were Crs Roberts, Lambert and Davies.

Those who voted against the motion were Crs Howe, Smith, Bohm, Hoey, Jones and Leak.

3. AIR QUALITY MONITORING TOWERS

It was moved Crs Howe/Smith that the Narromine Shire Council write to the EPA to request installation of Air quality monitoring towers to assure the residents of the shire that air/water/environment is clean and free of contaminants. Towers are to be located near the Narromine and Trangie Townships.

Cr Lambert requested that Tomingley be included. With the concurrence of the mover and seconder the location of Tomingley was added to the motion.

The motion was put to the vote and CARRIED.

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The Chair called for a division of the vote.

Those who voted for the motion were Crs Howe, Jones, Smith, Bohm and Leak

Those who voted against the motion were Crs Roberts, Lambert, Davies and Hoey.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS REPORT**Items from the Director Community and Economic Development.**

- 1. TENDER - NARROMINE SHIRE AQUATIC CENTRES MANAGEMENT**
- 2. SALE OF LOTS 201 AND 202 DP1283610, DAPPO ROAD**
- 3. CRAIGIE LEA LANE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**
- 4. PURCHASE OF LAND FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Smith that Council:-

1. Considers the full report on the Tender- Narromine Shire Aquatic Centres Management is Closed Meeting in accordance with 10A(2) (d)(i) of the Local Government Act as it considers confidential information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. Specific details of a tendering process, including a recommendation of the tender evaluation panel must not be disclosed before the outcome of the tender has been determined.
2. Considers the full report on the sale of two lots at Wentworth Parklands in Closed Meeting in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act as it considers confidential information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. On balance, disclosure of the commercial information would be contrary to the public interest and may put Council at a legal disadvantage.
3. Considers the full report on the development of the Craigie Lea Industrial Estate in Closed Meeting in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act as it considers confidential information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council proposes to conduct business. Disclosure of the confidential information would on balance be contrary to the public interest as it would prevent Council from achieving a 'best value for money' outcome for the community.
4. Considers the full report on the purchase of land for future residential development in Closed Meeting in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act as it considers confidential information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. Disclosure of the confidential information would on balance be contrary to the public interest as it would prevent Council from achieving a 'best value for money' outcome for the community.

2025/424

OPEN COUNCIL

Items from the Director Community and Economic Development.

Resolutions from Closed Meeting

1. TENDER - NARROMINE SHIRE AQUATIC CENTRES MANAGEMENT

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Hoey that Thrive Indigenous Corporation be awarded the management contract of the Trangie and Narromine Aquatic Centres for a period of three years for \$235K EX GST (per year for three years) with the opportunity to extend this contract based on satisfactory performance by two by one years.

2025/425**2. SALE OF LOTS 201 AND 202 DP1283610, DAPPO ROAD**

RESOLVED Crs Davies/Lambert;

1. That Council endorse the recommendations outlined in the report.
2. That Lot 201 DP1283610 and Lot 202 DP1283610 be sold for a combined price of \$293,000 (including GST if applicable).
3. That a further report be brought back to Council confirming the completion of the contract of sale.

2025/426**3. CRAIGIE LEA LANE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies;

1. That Council offer the pre sale of lots within the Craigie Lea Industrial subdivision at the following pricing.

Lot	Size (m2)	Price per m2 (Excl. GST)	Sale Price (Excl. GST)	List price
1	200,800	10	2,008,000	2,208,800
2	89,000	14	1,246,000	1,370,600
3 (Services)	960	-	-	
4	5,012	48	240,576	264,634
5	5,007	48	240,336	264,370

6	5,007	48	240,336	264,370
7	5,007	48	240,336	264,370
8	5,007	48	240,336	264,370
9	5,006	48	240,288	264,317
10	5,005	48	240,240	264,264
11	24,200	26	629,200	692,120
12	23,000	26	598,000	657,800
13	12,000	36	432,000	475,200
14	46,500	21	976,500	1,074,150
15	30,000	26	780,000	858,000
16	30,000	26	780,000	858,000
17	22,300	26	579,800	637,780
18	22,400	26	582,400	640,640
19	22,400	26	582,400	640,640
20	22,300	26	579,800	637,780
21	22,300	26	579,800	637,780
22	22,400	26	582,400	640,640
23	22,400	26	582,400	640,640
24	22,300	26	579,800	637,780

25	15,800	31	489,800	538,780
26	15,800	31	489,800	538,780
27	15,800	31	489,800	538,780
28	15,800	31	489,800	538,780
29 (services)	14,200	-	-	
30	27,500	26	715,000	786,500
Total	775,211		16,455,148	

2. That Council offer for sale the western portion of land at Craigie Lea Lane by Expression of Interest.
3. That a further report be made to Council by the end of March 2026 and/or prior to any procurement for construction of the subdivision.

2025/427**4. PURCHASE OF LAND FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT****RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Davies;

1. That Council purchase the land for residential development as outlined in the confidential Purchase of Land for Residential Land Report.
2. That the purchase of the property remain 'commercial in confidence' until negotiations are finalized.
3. A further report be made to Council to detail the purchase once the purchase is complete.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.14pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 14) 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 9 July 2025.

Chair