
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 9 APRIL 2025
MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

March 2025

2 March	Meeting with the Deputy Mayor and Cr Howe
6 March	Alliance of Western Councils Dinner
11 March	Mayoral Mentoring Training
12 March	Ordinary Council Meeting
13 March	Radio Interview with 2DU
14 March	Regional Development Australia Orana – 2025 Inland Growth Summit
19 March	Councillor Workshop - Water and Sewer Long Term Strategy (IWCM) Meeting with the Nationals candidate for Parkes, Jamie Chaffey in Trangie
21 March	Meeting with General Manager and Deputy Mayor Meeting with Narromine Anglican Church Minister
28 March	Country Mayors Association Meeting in Sydney Meeting with Minister for Regional NSW, The Hon Tara Moriarty, MLC

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

March 2025

2 March	Meeting with the Mayor and Cr Howe
12 March	Ordinary Council Meeting
13 March	Country Womens Association Meeting in Trangie
19 March	Councillor Workshop - Water and Sewer Long Term Strategy (IWCM)
21 March	Meeting with General Manager and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

3. COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Attached is my representative report for the Country Mayors Association Meeting held on 28 March 2025 (**See Attachment No. 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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4. COUNCIL MEETING PRAYER ROSTER

In the past Council invited a representative from one of the local churches to attend the Ordinary Council Meeting to open the meeting with the Prayer. This was done on a rotational basis.

The Minister from St Mary's Anglican Church has shown interest in Council moving toward this arrangement once again, with the offer to be extended to all churches within the Shire on a rotational basis.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor coordinate, on a rotational basis, a representative from each Church to deliver the Prayer at the beginning of the Council Meeting.

Cr Ewen Jones
Mayor

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: Country Mayors Association of NSW

COUNCILLOR: Cr Jones - Mayor

DATE ATTENDED: 28 March 2025

1. Main Purpose of Meeting

- The meeting focus was on the financial sustainability of rural and regional councils.
- Presentation by The Hon. Emily Jane Suvaal, BN MLC. Chair of the NSW Inquiry into the "Ability of Local Government to fund infrastructure and services." The report makes 17 recommendations to the NSW Government.
- Presentation by TCorp Senior Analyst.
- Presentation by Auditor-General for NSW, Mr Bola Oyetunji
- Excelling CMA members - presentations by Bega Valley Shire Council – winners of the 2024 Bluett Award, and Moree Plains Shire Council – 2024 Bluett Award runner-up.
- CMA Scholarship presentation to Moree Shire Council's Jazmine Howarth
- Presentation by the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage.
- Council representatives then left to attend a meeting with the Minister for Regional NSW, the Hon. Tara Moriarty, MLC.

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

- The CMA supports all 17 recommendations of the NSW Inquiry and will advocate for their prompt implementation.
- TCorp borrowing criteria has changed to reflect commercial opportunities.
- Minister Sharpe highlighted the importance of the Orana REZ but also acknowledged that there was still much to do with community consultation and the community benefit fund.

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

- The NSW CMA furthers the interests of rural and regional councils by advocating and lobbying on relevant state and national issues. The CMA also provides an information sharing forum.
- The next quarterly CMA meeting will be held on 9 May 2025 and will focus on health.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Continued membership with the New South Wales Country Mayors Association. Each member council is represented by their Mayor and General Manager.

Signature: Cr Jones

Date: 31 March 2025