
**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 9 APRIL 2025
COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

1. ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS MEETING

Cr Davies has submitted his representative report for the Alliance of Western Councils Meeting held on 7 March 2025 (**See Attachment No. 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: **Alliance of Western Councils Meeting**

COUNCILLOR: Cr Davies (on behalf of the Mayor due to his unavailability to attend)

DATE ATTENDED: 7 March 2025

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

Main purpose of the meeting was to continue the positive role of the AWC in advocating for better outcomes for the member councils.

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

Presentation by Murray Darling Basin Authority highlighting the importance of State-Federal engagement as well as the importance of Critical Human Needs Water in the Northern Basin Plan.

CEO of RDA addressed the Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) issue and its expansion across other RDA's and gave an update on Golden Highway upgrades.

Dept Regional Economic Development spoke to the issues they can help councils with including introduction of businesses for development. Topics included Agrifood Clean Economy, Technology, Regional Indigenous partnerships and the Circular Economy.

Member for the Dubbo Electorate, Mr Dugald Saunders MP, spoke on water issues, crime initiatives, rural airstrip grants and migration issues.

Telstra representative addressed issues surrounding introduction of 5G and the shutdown of 3G. All Shires indicated they have been seriously impacted with poorer service.

3. **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

Collaborative approach by 13 councils to shared issues.

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

Continue as an active and positive member of the organisation.

Signature: Cr Craig Davies Date: 24.03.25