
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 12 FEBRUARY 2020
MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

December 2019

2 December	Economic Development Group Meeting
3 December	Meeting with Dugald Saunders, Member for Dubbo Meeting with Geologists in Trangie
4 December	Narromine Primary School – Presentation Day St Augustine's Parish School - Annual School Presentation Clontarf Awards Night
8 December	Pink Pigeon 3 Man Ambrose Tournament Community Oval Inspections
9 December	Orana Joint Organisation Board Meeting
10 December	Narromine High School - Presentation Day Meeting regarding Aerodrome and Gliders Meeting regarding Burns Oval
11 December	Trangie Central School - Annual Presentation Day Tour of Learn to Swim pool and splash pad Meeting regarding Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPS) Monthly Premeeting briefing Ordinary Council Meeting
12 December	Meeting with Potential Investors

January 2020

5 January	Pink Pigeon Home Run
6 January	Meeting with Mayor, General Manager and Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services Meeting with Executive Officer of Orana Joint Organisation
8 January	Meeting with Economic Development Officer
9 January	Meeting with General Manager and Director Community and Economic Development Meeting with Regional Development Australia
10 January	Meeting with Inland Rail representatives
17 January	Meeting with Executive Officer of Orana Joint Organisation
21 January	Meeting with General Manager and Director Community and Economic Development
22 January	Meeting with General Manager and Executive Manager Corporate Governance Teleconference with Inland Rail
24 January	Meeting with Mark Coulton, Member for Parkes
26 January	Australia Day Celebrations – Narromine and Trangie Regional Swimming Trials – Narromine
28 January	Meeting with Director Community and Economic Development Meeting with WNSWLHD Travel to Wagga for Conference with Korean Delegation
31 January	Meeting with Korean Delegation Meeting Geology Company

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

December 2019

2 December	Local Traffic Meeting Economic Development Group Committee Meeting Girls Academy Annual Presentation
11 December	Tour of Learn to Swim pool and splash pad Monthly Premeeting briefing Ordinary Council Meeting
13 December	Community BBQ Tom Perry Park

January 2020

5 January	Pink Pigeon Home Run
6 January	Meeting with Mayor, General Manager and Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services
20 January	Meeting with Chair of Australia Day Committee
21 January	BBQ & Beats – PCYC
26 January	Australia Day Celebrations – Narromine and Trangie

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

3. DELEGATES REPORT – CSU/KOREAN DELEGATION

A delegate's report for the CSU/Korean Delegation Meeting held from 28 – 31 January 2020 is attached (**see Attachment No. 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

4. ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the Orana Joint Organisation of Councils Board Meeting held on 9 December 2019 are attached (**see Attachment No 2**).

It is noted that the Board resolved to support Dubbo Regional Council to become a member of the Orana Joint Organisation inviting such membership with a fee based on current contributions, together with Dubbo Regional Council's share of the distribution of funds from the former Orana Regional Organisation of Councils.

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4. ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING (Cont'd)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: CSU Wagga trip with Korean Delegation

COUNCILLOR: Mayor Craig Davies

DATE ATTENDED: 28 - 31 January 2020

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

Accompanied senior Policy Adviser from Dubbo CSU, Felicity Taylor Edwards to Wagga campus of CSU to explore and promote collaborative research projects and data collection with CSU Researchers.

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

(Issues raised by key note speakers or issues raised at meetings which are of specific relevance to Council)

A number of Korean presentations outlining the respective areas of expertise by the Korean researchers on their proposed collaboration with Narromine Shire Council and CSU. Narromine to be the base for the KIGAM project which currently is involved in Geoscience and geology utilising airships (helium) and drones. Other Korean companies are also looking at potential research and business opportunities in the Shire.

A further presentation highlighted the potential of solar powered collars and ear tags for animal health. The devices incorporate numerous properties that allow monitoring of temperature, heartbeat, location and hormonal levels. Further Artificial Intelligent apparatus are planned for these collars.

Other presentations focussed on Solar Technology for smart farms being manufactured from a range of mineral combinations including crystalline silicon, copper and some rare earths. The photovoltaic applications would manage temperature and irrigation pumping systems.

The potential for collaboration with CSU was most evident in the field of Precision Agriculture Solutions. In bringing together current solutions to develop algorithms and AI into a single response unit facility.

The final presentation by KIGAM (Korea Institute of Geosciences and Mineral Resources) focussed on its drone based geophysical systems and applications for groundwater exploration. The 4D geological disaster map / mineral map which has a cloud based interpretation program and is able to "see" up to 200 mts into the earth's crust.

3. **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

(Outline benefits of attending meeting etc./learnings for Council)

Once signed an MOU between CSU and the Korean consortium will further relationships being developed around research of common interest and ability and moving to partnerships based on strategic projects and collaborative clusters was an excellent outcome to two days of working together.

My expectation is for a gradual increase in activity by the consortium as things progress and they gain more confidence in their Australian partners. Their initial focus is to establish their drone academy here in Narromine and settle the first few companies into the aerodrome site.

Signature: Craig Davies

Date: 03.02.2020

minutes

MEETING OF: Orana Joint Organisation
DATE: 9 December 2019
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Mid-Western Regional Council Chambers

ATTENDEES:

Cr C Davies (Chair)	Narromine Shire Council
Cr M Quigley (Dep Chair)	Warren Shire Council
Cr D Batten	Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr D Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr D Kennedy	Mid-Western Regional Council
Cr R Donald	Bogan Shire Council
Cr G Neill	Deputy Mayor, Bogan Shire Council (non-voting)
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Leeanne Ryan	Acting General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Jane Redden	General Manager, Narromine Shire Council
Brad Cam	General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council
Glenn Wilcox	General Manager, Warren Shire Council
Derek Francis	General Manager, Bogan Shire Council
Belinda Barlow	Executive Officer, Orana Joint Organisation
Carolyne Marchant	(Minute Taker), Narromine Shire Council

GUESTS

Damien Pfeiffer, Director Regions, Western NSW Department of Planning & Environment
 Scott McLachlan, Chief Executive, Western NSW Local Health District
 Krissy Ukena, Senior Executive Assistant, Western NSW Local Health District
 Luke Homann, Transport for NSW
 Ben Hughes, Director, Economx
 Peter Halyburton, Energy and Management Services
 Cate Whiteley, Charles Sturt University (CSU) Dubbo Campus
 Peter Evans, Office of Local Government
 Alayna Gleeson, Orana Water Utilities Alliance

1. WELCOME:

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.04 am and Cr Des Kennedy, Mayor of Mid-Western Regional Council warmly welcomed Board Members and guests to the meeting.

minutes

BOARD MEETING ITEMS

2. APOLOGIES:

Roger Bailey, General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council and Ashley Albury Regional NSW (DPC) were noted as apologies.

The attendance of Alayna Gleeson, Project Officer, Orana Water Utilities was acknowledged by the Board.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

4. PRESENTERS

- 4.1** Health Precincts - Damien Pfeiffer and Scott McLachlan – discussion regarding the Dubbo and Mudgee health precincts and the development of health and joint services precincts that will have enormous potential to meet the changing needs of rural and regional communities, while also achieving efficiencies of scale, avoiding duplication and supporting the broader economic growth of the regions' communities.
- 4.1** Connecting Central West Orana Transport Program update – Luke Homman
- 4.2** Economx – Ben Hughes offered a discussion in respect of regional and rural communities' ability to increase their capability and capacity to capture the economic benefits of infrastructure projects and maximise economic results well after the construction phase of infrastructure projects.

Scott McLachlan, Damien Pfeiffer, Krissy Ukena, Ben Hughes, Luke Homann and Alayna Gleeson left the meeting room at 10.50 am.

10.50am break for morning tea, meeting recommenced at 11.10 am.

Peter, Murray and Andrew Halyburton and Cate Whiteley joined the meeting room at 11.10 am.

- 4.3** Peter Halyburton, Murray Halyburton and Andrew Halyburton Energy and Management Services offered an update to the Orana Joint Organisation Board in respect of the energy/electricity supply and contracts.
- 4.4** Charles Sturt University, Dubbo Campus - future projects update was offered by Cate Whiteley, Regional Engagement and Government Relations team.

The Chair thanked all guests for their presentations and their time.

minutes

At midday Peter, Murray and Andrew Halyburton and Cate Whiteley left the meeting.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

2019/065 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Kennedy that the Minutes of the Meeting held 30 September 2019 be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting noting an amendment to the attendance list to include Peter Evans, OLG and Jane Redden, General Manager, Narromine Shire Council.

CARRIED

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL FRAMEWORK REPORT

2019/066 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Donald that:

1. That the Orana Joint Organisation Board offer a submission to the Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework Discussion Paper, noting that:
 - i) the Orana Joint Organisation is under resourced to fulfill this function;
 - ii) the function is counterproductive for such a small organisation noting that the estimated cost of \$30,000 p/a which is more than 30% of the Orana Joint Organisation's own source revenue and is at risk of contributing to the Orana Joint Organisation's failure.

CARRIED

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2019/067 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Quigley that the Orana Joint Organisation Board note the Chairperson's minutes/report.

CARRIED

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS Part A (Action)

8.1 Orana Joint Organisation Budget Review October 2019

2019/068 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Kennedy that the document entitled, as attached Quarterly Budget REVIEW – OCTOBER 2019, be noted.

CARRIED

8.2 NSW Environmental Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation Funding

2019/069 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Todd that the Orana Joint Organisation Board note the funding application on behalf of Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance for Creating Homes for Threatened Species Project (2019 NSW Environmental Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation Funding).

minutes

CARRIED

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS Part B (Information)

9.1 Orana Water Utilities Alliance Report

2019/070 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Batten that the information be noted.

CARRIED

9.2 2018/2019 Orana Joint Organisation Annual Performance Statement

2019/071 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Batten that the information be noted.

CARRIED

9.3 Delivery Program Progress Report October to November

2019/072 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Kennedy that the Delivery Program Progress Report from October to November 2019 be noted.

CARRIED

9.4 Orana Joint Organisation Information Guide

2019/073 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Quigley that the information be noted.

CARRIED

9.5 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Returns

2019/074 RESOLVED Crs Quigley/Kennedy that the information be noted.

CARRIED

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS Part C (Confidential)

2019/075 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Quigley that the meeting move into Closed Meeting under section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because the matter contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, and is therefore not in the public interest to disclose. Disclosure of this information would jeopardise future business opportunities.

CARRIED

There were no members of the public in attendance.

minutes

OPEN MEETING

The following resolutions from Closed Meeting are noted.

10.1 Building Better Regions Fund Round 4

2019/076 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Batten that the Orana Joint Organisation Board does not support the funding application to Round 4 of the Building Better Regions Fund for Stage 2 of the Western Region Sports Hub Dubbo, as the Orana Joint Organisation Board does not have a complete appreciation of Dubbo Regional Council's position towards the project.

10.2 Regional University Centre Program Funding

2019/077 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Batten that the Orana Joint Organisation Board apply to be the lead applicant/partner for the Federal Government's Regional University Centre Funding Program.

11. NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Notice of motion from Cr Donald from Orana Joint Organisation Board Extra Ordinary meeting held 27 August 2019.

That a discussion be held in respect of using recycled plastics as alternate road material at the next Orana Joint Organisation Board Meeting.

2019/079 RESOLVED Crs Batten/ Donald that the item in respect of the alternate road materials be placed on next Joint Organisation Leadership Team (JOLT) Meeting Agenda for further investigation, noting Transport for NSW's interest in collaborating with the current Orana Joint Organisation members.

CARRIED

12. MATTERS OF URGENCY

2019/080 RESOLVED Crs Quigley/Donald that the Orana Joint Organisation notify the NSW Government to act urgently on behalf of water users along the Macquarie River and change the flood mitigation capacity at Burrendong Dam from 100% to 120%.

CARRIED

minutes

MATTERS OF URGENCY - Membership of Dubbo Regional Council

2019/081 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Batten that the meeting move into Closed Meeting under section 10A (2) (c) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and is therefore not in the public interest to disclose. Disclosure of this information may prevent the Orana Joint Organisation from achieving the best outcome.

CARRIED

There were no members of the public in attendance.

minutes

OPEN MEETING

The following resolutions are noted from Closed Meeting.

MATTERS OF URGENCY - Membership of Dubbo Regional Council

2019/082 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Quigley that the Orana Joint Organisation Board

1. note the correspondence the received from Dubbo Regional Council, and
2. support Dubbo Regional Council to become a member of the Orana Joint Organisation inviting such membership with a fee based on the current Orana Joint Organisation 2019/20 member contributions, as reflected in the 2019 Orana Joint Organisation Charter and 2019 Statement of Revenue Policy, together with Dubbo Regional Council's share of the distribution of funds from the former Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) equating to \$69,407.30 (excl GST).

The total contribution to be received from Dubbo Regional Council is summarised in Table 1 and 2 below.

(Table 1)

Orana JO

	2017 ERP (Estimated Resident Population)	FLAT FEE	Per Capita Contribution	TOTAL	2.7% Rate Peg
Dubbo Regional Council	52,090	\$8972.00	\$28,128.60	\$37,100.60	\$38,102.32

(Table 2)

OROC

	Total surplus funds (OROC)	Amount distributed
Dubbo Regional Council	\$147,665	\$31,304.98

13. CORRESPONDENCE

2019/084 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Quigley that the Orana Joint Organisation Board note the correspondence report.

CARRIED

minutes

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil

MATTERS OF URGENCY (Cont'd)

2019/085 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Batten that the Orana Joint Organisation write to Local Members, NSW Premier, NSW Deputy Premier, Minister for Western NSW and Minister for Local Government requesting direct payment to Councils for rate relief in drought affected areas of NSW as a matter of urgency.

CARRIED

15. NEXT MEETING

Moved Cr Donald that the Orana Joint Organisation Board meet at NSW Parliament House in place of travelling to Canberra.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

It was noted that the Board Meeting scheduled for 26 March 2020 will be held at Parliament House Canberra, and the following meeting to be held at Parliament House Sydney.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.37 pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 10) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of _____ 2020, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 9 December 2019.

Chair