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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 6 MAY 2020**  
**MAYORAL MINUTE**

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## **1. MAYORAL DIARY**

April 2020

2 April	Fingerling Release Meeting with Western NSW Local Health District/Mayors and GMs re COVID-19 via video conference
7 April	Orana Joint Organisation Extra Ordinary Board Meeting via Teleconference Trial Council meeting via Audio Visual Link
8 April	Meeting with Western NSW Local Health District/Mayors and GMs re COVID-19 Ordinary Council Meeting via Audio Visual Link
16 April	Meeting with Western NSW Local Health District/Mayors and GMs re COVID-19 via video conference
20 April	Meeting with Field Solutions Group CEO and COO
24 April	Orana Joint Organisation Extra Ordinary Board Meeting via Audio Visual Link
30 April	Meeting with Deputy Prime Minister McCormack , Minister Coulton, Minister Toole and Gilgandra Shire representatives via video conference

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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## **2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY**

April 2020

7 April	Trial Council meeting via Audio Visual Link
8 April	Ordinary Council Meeting via Audio Visual Link
14 April	Local Traffic Committee meeting via Email

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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## **3. ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD**

The minutes of the Orana Joint Organisation of Councils (OJO) Extra Ordinary Board Meetings held on 7 April and 24 April 2020 are attached (**see Attachment No 1**).

The Board has been concerned about its financial sustainability. At the Extra Ordinary Board Meeting held on 24 April 2020, it was resolved that each member Council determine whether they wish to remain as a member of the Orana Joint Organisation and advise the Board by its next meeting.

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### **3. ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD (Cont'd)**

NSW currently has a network of 13 Joint Organisations to strengthen collaboration and engagement between State the Local governments and improve infrastructure and service delivery to regional communities. 87 Councils in Regional NSW are members of these Joint Organisations.

The Orana Joint Organisation is an important entity for strategic planning and priority setting, intergovernmental collaboration and shared leadership and advocacy. The Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities contains the programs, projects and initiatives it is focusing on delivering.

Strategies include infrastructure connectivity for people and freight, digital connectivity, tourism destination, safe and healthy communities, youth and indigenous employment and wellbeing, attracting and retaining business and industry, liveable communities, water security, waste management, adapting to climate events.

The Minister for Local Government has recently written to the Executive Officer advising that it strongly supports the continuation of the Orana Joint Organisation and that the Orana Joint Organisation can through a variation of the funding agreement, use the \$150,000 Capacity Building funding program towards developing a strategy to becoming financially sustainable.

Dubbo Regional Council has now resolved to apply to the Minister for Local Government for membership to a newly established Joint Organisation, effectively 1 July 2020. Should the minister not concur with forming a new Joint Organisation, Dubbo Regional Council will withdraw its application until after the proposed review of the Joint Organisation Model.

Narromine Shire Council's membership contribution fee for 2019/2020 was \$12,862. The 2020/2021 membership fee will need to be determined based on how many Councils resolve to remain or leave membership of the Joint Organisation.

The OJO is still in its establishment phase.

Current commitments include: -

- Funding application to NSW Environmental Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation Funding - \$100,000 (under assessment)
- Funding application to Federal Governments – Regional Universities Centre Program - \$2,000,000 (under assessment)
- Joint Organisation Capacity Building Fund - \$150,000 (subject to variation to financial sustainability)

Potential commitments: -

- Gig State Project (Snowy Hydro Funding \$100M) – improvement of digital connectivity with new network infrastructure to boost the internet capacity for communities and business (from Dubbo to Cobar)

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- Narromine to Nyngan pipeline as identified in the Macquarie Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy (\$20M committed by NSW Government to the planning stages)

As Chair of the Orana Joint Organisation, I strongly recommend that Narromine Shire Council retains its membership of the Organisation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The information be noted.
2. Narromine Shire Council continues to remain a member of the Orana Joint Organisation.

Cr Craig Davies  
**Mayor**

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**EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF: Orana Joint Organisation**

**DATE:** 24 April 2020  
**TIME:** 12.00 Midday  
**VENUE:** Via ZOOM Video Conference

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**ATTENDEES:**

Cr C Davies <b>(Chair)</b>	Narromine Shire Council
Cr D Batten	Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr D Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr D Kennedy	Mid-Western Regional Council
Cr M Quigley	Warren Shire Council
Cr R Donald	Bogan Shire Council
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Roger Bailey	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
Ashley Albury	Director Regions Western NSW (DPIE)
Peter Evans	Office of Local Government
Dugald Saunders	Member for Dubbo
Cr James Craft	Councillor, Narromine Shire Council
Marion Truscott	Executive Manager Corporate Governance Narromine Shire Council
Carolyne Marchant	(Minute Taker) Narromine Shire Council

**1. WELCOME:**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 12.11pm.

Mr Dugald Saunders, Member for Dubbo spoke to the Board and reiterated his support and commitment for the continued operation of the Orana Joint Organisation.

The Chair thanked Mr Saunders for his time. Mr Saunders left the meeting at 12.24pm.

**2. APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil

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## 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**2020/018 RESOLVED** Crs Kennedy/Todd that the Minutes of the Meetings held 27 March 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting, with the following clarification to point 1 of resolution 2020/007, being that the Orana JO Board direct the Executive Officer to enter into the Capacity Building Funding Agreement of \$150, 000.

CARRIED

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (cont'd)

**2020/019 RESOLVED** Crs Donald/Todd that the Minutes of the Meetings held 7 April 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

It was noted that Cr Donald wished to withdraw the notice of motion noted in the minutes, on the advice subsequently received from the Office of Local Government.

## 5. ORANA JO CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE/REPORT

**2020/020 RESOLVED** Crs Donald/Batten that:

1. That the Orana JO Board note the Chairperson's minutes/report.
2. That the Orana JO formally acknowledge the service of Belinda Barlow.

CARRIED

## 6. ORANA JO OUTSTANDING GOVERNANCE ITEMS

**2020/021 RESOLVED** Crs Quigley/Donald that the report be noted.

CARRIED

## 7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cr Quigley withdrew point four of the Notice of Motion based on the advice received from the Office of Local Government.

**2020/022 RESOLVED** Crs Quigley/Donald that the Orana JO writes to the NSW Minister for Local Government specifying the name of each member council who has resolved to leave the Orana Joint Organisation to allow the Governor to remove these Councils from the Orana JO boundary (LG Act 400ZC amendment and dissolution of Joint Organisations).

CARRIED

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## 7. NOTICES OF MOTION (Cont'd)

**It was moved** Crs Quigley/Todd that at the next JO Board meeting to be held after 24 April 2020, the Executive Officer report on any outstanding governance items of the Orana JO, including budget, reporting and operational matters.

**An amendment was moved** Crs Batten/Quigley that the next Orana Joint Organisation Board Meeting be held on 29 May 2020 to consider the responses from each member Council regarding their decision to remain as part of the Orana Joint Organisation.

**2020/023 The amendment** became the motion, was put to the vote and CARRIED

**It was moved** Crs Quigley/Kennedy that the Board request the Office of Local Government to undertake a Performance Audit (\$421B) into the current and future operation of the Orana JO.

**The motion** was put to the vote and LOST.

**2020/024 RESOLVED** Crs Quigley/Donald that the Board review other Executive Officer position descriptions and contract arrangements and advertise for an Executive Officer prior to the expiry of the current Executive Officer term to allow the transfer of information.

**CARRIED**

**2020/025 RESOLVED** Crs Batten/Quigley that the Board canvass member Councils with a view to appointing an interim Executive Officer from the local General Managers, whilst recruitment for the position is being undertaken.

**CARRIED**

Mr Ashley Albury left the meeting at 1.16pm.

It was noted that the Chair would advise Mr Dugald Saunders of the decisions from the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.18 pm.

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The Minutes (pages 1 to 4) 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 24 April 2020.

Chair

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**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF: Orana Joint Organisation**

**DATE: 7 April 2020**

**TIME: 2.30pm**

**VENUE: Via Teleconference**

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**ATTENDEES:**

Cr C Davies (Chair)	Narromine Shire Council
Cr M Quigley	Warren Shire Council
Cr D Batten	Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr D Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr R Donald	Bogan Shire Council
Cr D Kennedy	Mid-Western Regional Council
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Roger Bailey	General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Glenn Wilcox	General Manager, Warren Shire Council
Derek Francis	General Manager, Bogan Shire Council
Jane Redden	General Manager, Narromine Shire Council
Brad Cam	General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council
Peter Evans	Council Engagement Manager, Office of Local Government
Ashley Albury	Director Western, Department of Regional NSW
Belinda Barlow	Executive Officer Orana Joint Organisation
Marion Truscott	Executive Manager Corporate Governance Narromine Shire Council
Carolyne Marchant	Governance Officer Narromine Shire Council (Minute Taker)

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## 1. WELCOME:

The Chair declared the meeting open at 2.31pm.

## 2. APOLOGIES:

Nil

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

**2020/016 RESOLVED** Crs Batten/Donald that Orana Joint Organisation suspend standing orders, to consider item 4.2 Orana Joint Organisation Funding prior to Item 4.1 Rescission Motion.

CARRIED

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.2. ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION FUNDING

Ashley Albury joined the meeting at 2.32pm via teleconference.

David Neeves joined the meeting at 2.35pm via teleconference.

The Chair spoke to meeting, advising that the Office of Local Government would alter the \$150,000 agreement for the Capacity Building Fund and re-direct it towards sustainability funding.

In addition, the Orana Joint Organisation has been advised by Director Western NSW Department of Regional NSW that the project identified for the Capacity Building Fund, will be funded via an alternate source of State Government funding along with the Orana Joint Organisation now being in a position to have a real opportunity to partner with the State Government for the delivery of two (2) regional scale projects being the Gig State and the Narromine to Nyngan pipeline, thereby providing further ongoing funding streams for the Joint Organisation.

**2020/017 RESOLVED** Crs Batten/Donald that Orana Joint Organisation resume standing orders.

CARRIED

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.1. RESCISSION MOTION – ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION FUNDING

**It was moved** Crs Donald/Todd that Item 2 of the Rescission Motion be amended to state that the Orana JO Board direct the Executive Officer to enter into the Capacity Building Funding Agreement after June 2020, and that a variation be sought under the existing terms of the agreement to redirect this to towards sustainability funding, and give approval for a member Council to accept the funding in the case of the Orana JO winding down its functions effective 31 December 2020.

The Rescission motion with the above amendment was put to the vote and **LOST**.

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Cr Donald gave notice by way of a Notice of Motion that the Rescission Motion be deferred for consideration until 30 December 2020.

Cr Batten requested that the Appointment of the Executive Officer be considered at the Extra Ordinary Board Meeting to be held on 24 April 2020.

- 5. NEXT MEETING** – the next meeting of the Orana Joint Organisation will be held on 24 April 2020 at 12.00 midday via teleconference.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 3) 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 7 April 2020.

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Chair