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**MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

held on

WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2023

PRESENT

Councillors Craig Davies (Mayor and Chair), Dawn Collins (Deputy Mayor), Les Lambert, Adine Hoey, Lyn Jablonski, Casey Forrester, Ewen Jones, Diane Beaumont and Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager), Mr Phil Johnston (Director Community & Economic Development), 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.

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer was taken by those present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was made by the Mayor.

Cr Jablonski entered the meeting room at 5.31pm

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

The Statement of Ethical Obligations was made by the Mayor.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Lambert that the apology of Andre Pretorius (Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services) be noted.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Jones that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 May 2023 be adopted.

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RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Beaumont that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 24 May 2023 be adopted.

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DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Collins that the information be noted.

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MAYORAL MINUTE (CONT'D)

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Beaumont that the information be noted.

2023/093

3. DAMAGING INCREASE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY COSTS

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Lambert;

1. That Council writes to the Treasurer, the Minister for Emergency Services, the Minister for Local Government and local State Member(s):
 - a. Expressing Council's strong opposition to the NSW Government's last-minute decision to impose an enormous Emergency Services Levy (ESL) cost increase on councils for 2023/24 by scrapping the ESL subsidy for councils and at a time after Council has publicly advertised its Operational Plan and annual budget to the community;
 - b. Noting that as a consequence of the unannounced 73% increase in the State Emergency Service budget and an 18% increase in the Fire and Rescue NSW budget, Council's 3.7% rate increase to provide essential community services and infrastructure has been significantly eroded.
 - c. Advising that the Government's decision may/will lead to a reduction in important local services and/or the cancellation of necessary infrastructure projects;
 - d. Calling on the NSW Government to take immediate action to:
 - i. restore the ESL subsidy in 2023/24
 - ii. urgently introduce legislation to decouple the ESL from the rate peg to enable councils to recover the full cost
 - iii. develop a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding critically important emergency services in consultation with local government.
2. That Council writes to the Chair of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) advising that Council's forced emergency services contribution is manifestly disproportionate to the 2023/24 rate cap, which has resulted in additional financial stress.
3. That Council writes to the President of LGNSW seeking the Association's ongoing advocacy to bring about a relief in the burden of Councils' emergency services contribution.

2023/094

3. DELEGATES REPORT – ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS

RESOLVED Crs Jones/Beaumont that the information be noted.

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MAYORAL MINUTE (CONT'D)

4. DELEGATES REPORT – COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Collins that the information be noted.

2023/096

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. REPORT OF THE TOMINGLEY ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Hoey that the report of the Tomingley Advancement Association Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 22 May 2023 be adopted.

2023/097

2. REPORT OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Forrester that the recommendations from the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 11 May 2023 be adopted.

2023/098

3. REPORT OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Jones/Collins that the report of the Local Traffic Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 5 June 2023 be adopted.

2023/099

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER

1. INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Jones;

1. That Council adopt the attached draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents as outlined in the report;
2. That whereas Council has:
 - a. Prepared the draft Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents in accordance with Schedule 8 of the Local Government Act 1993 and has given public notice of the draft documents in accordance with Section 405 of that Act; and
 - b. Declared all rateable land in the area subject to the ordinary rate to be within one or the other of the categories specified in Section 514 of the Local Government Act 1993 and within sub-categories permitted within those categories and adopted by Council:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That in accordance with Schedule 8 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt the draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents; including the 2023/2024 Fees and Charges and the Statement of Revenue Policy.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER (CONT'D)

1. **INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTS (Cont'd)**

2. That the expenditure in the draft Operating Budget and the Capital Works Program, including the items within the draft Asset Management Plans for the year 2023/2024 be approved, and the necessary budget allocations to meet that expenditure be voted.
3. That the rate of interest on overdue rates and charges for the 2023/2024 financial year be set at 9.0% per annum for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (inclusive), being the maximum rate as set by the Office of Local Government.
4. That, in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy an ordinary rate of the amounts specified in **Table 1** below on the land value of all rateable land in the area in the categories and sub-categories described respectively in the Schedule, for the year 2023/2024 and that the minimum amounts of the ordinary rate be specified in **Table 1** below, be levied in respect of each separate parcel.

Table 1

Category	No of Assmts	Rateable Land Value	Minimum	Ad Valorem	Estimated Income
Farmland	824	1,670,478,240	328.51	0.217063	3,631,872.98
Residential	375	81,597,760	328.51	0.345429	287,041.76
Residential - Narromine	1436.89	100,004,885	517.76	1.15108	1,167,659.13
Residential – Trangie	376	9,961,110	422.01	2.49660	251,588.96
Residential - Tomingley	26	896,700	256.34	1.16562	10,863.17
Residential - Skypark	61	7,057,000	517.76	2.26557	159,881.38
Business – Narromine	135.11	10,341,415	1,173.06	3.07392	348,734.74
Business – Trangie	50	1,049,830	1,089.63	8.30179	99,321.00
Business	80	11,043,140	574.08	1.26944	153,986.30
Business – Industrial Estate	38	6,627,000	1,043.00	0.73559	54,177.95
Business – Aerodrome Business Park	22	1,028,450	590.00	1.21244	15,142.41
Business – Craigie Lea Industrial Hub	0	0	590.00	1.21244	0.00
Mining	3	14,072,700	442.56	2.26739	319,101.55
TOTAL	3,427	1,914,158,230			6,499,371.33

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER (CONT'D)

1. INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTS (Cont'd)

5. That the Statement of Revenue Policy for the 2023-24 financial year as presented be adopted with the following amendments to accord with the Fees and Charges Schedule:

DESCRIPTION	2022/2023 SERVICE CHARGE (Per Service)	2023/2024 SERVICE CHARGE (Per Service)
Domestic Waste Management Charge	416.00	429.00
Recycling Service – Domestic (Sec 496 Local Government Act 1993)	111.00	115.00
Recycling Service – Other (Sec 501 Local Government Act 1993)	111.00	115.00
Waste Management - Unoccupied	96.00	99.00
Waste Management - Commercial	421.00	434.00
Food and Organic Collection	89.00	92.00

6. That Council adopt the draft Macquarie Regional Library Operational Plan 2023/2024.

2023/100

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Collins that Council adopt the maximum member annual fee for Councillors being \$13,030 per annum and the maximum Mayor/Chairperson additional fee being \$28,430 per annum.

2023/101

3. PART ROAD TRANSFER – TOMINGLEY GOLD OPERATIONS PTY LTD

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Hoey that the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate and execute a Deed of Transfer transferring the closed portions of the Newell Highway, Kyalite Road, McNivens Lane and Back Tomingley West Road to Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Ltd.

2023/102

4. LEASE AGREEMENT – SITE NO 18 AT THE NARROMINE AERODROME

RESOLVED Crs Jones/Forrester that Council lease Site No. 18 at the Narromine Aerodrome to the Narromine Lions Club Inc for a further 3-year term, at a rental of \$1.00 per annum payable on demand.

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5. DELEGATION

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Jones that Council's delegation to the General Manager includes Issue Order for Interment.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER (CONT'D)

6. WORKS REPORT

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Forrester that the information be noted.

2023/105

7. ADOPTION OF WATER USAGE CHARGES CONCEALED LEAKS POLICY

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Beaumont that Council adopt the Draft Water Usage Charges Concealed Leaks Policy as attached to the report.

2023/106

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY

1. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2023

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Collins;

1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio be received and noted;
2. That the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer is noted and the report adopted.

2023/107

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Forrester that the information be noted.

2023/108

2. LEASE OF LAND FOR AERODROME HANGARS POLICY

RESOLVED Crs Jones/Beaumont that Council adopt the revised Lease of Land for Aerodrome Hangars Policy.

2023/109

3. DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS CONTRARY TO DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION POLICY

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Forrester that Council adopt the attached Determination of Development Applications Contrary to Director's Recommendation policy.

2023/110

4. SUPPORT FOR DOLLY PARTON FESTIVAL 2023

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Forrester;

1. That Council congratulates the committee of the Narromine Dolly Parton Festival on their work to date.
2. That Council supports the 2023 Narromine Dolly Parton Festival with a contribution of \$20,000 to be funded from reallocation of the event budget.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CONT'D)

5. DUNDAS AND PAYTEN PARK PRECINCT PLAN

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Beaumont that Council place the draft Dundas and Payten Park Precinct Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and seek comment prior to final endorsement.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.12pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 7) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of _____ 2023, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 21 June 2023.

Chair