
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 8 SEPTEMBER 2021
MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

August 2021

2 August	Meeting with Hospital Auxiliary Members
4 August	Charles Sturt University Strategy Workshop
10 August	Newell Highway Taskforce Meeting
12 August	Western NSW Local Health District – COVID update (via Teams)
19 August	Murray Darling Association Recruitment Workshop (via Teams)
20 August	Local Emergency Management Meeting (via Teams)
23 August	Local Emergency Management Meeting (via Teams) Murray Darling Association Meeting (via Teams)
24 August	Local Emergency Management Meeting (via Teams)
25 August	Ordinary Council Meeting (via Teams)
26 August	Setting up Trangie Memorial Hall for COVID Vaccination Clinic Meeting with representatives from Bendigo Bank (via Teams)
27 August	COVID Vaccination Clinic
28 August	COVID Vaccination Clinic
29 August	Packing up Trangie Memorial Hall following COVID Vaccination Clinic Conversations around Positive Sewerage detection in Trangie
30 August	Local Emergency Management Meeting (via Teams)
31 August	Local Emergency Management Meeting (via Teams)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

August 2021

2 August	Narromine Aviation Museum Meeting
25 August	Ordinary Council Meeting (via Teams)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

3. DELEGATE REPORT – MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

A delegate's report on the Murray Darling Association Committee meeting held on 23 August 2021 is attached. (**See Attachment No. 1**)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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4. DELEGATE REPORT – MACQUARIE FLOOD MITIGATION ZONE REFERENCE GROUP

Cr Mark Munro has submitted A delegate's report on the Macquarie Flood Mitigation Zone Reference Group meeting held on 18 August 2021 (**See Attachment No. 2**)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT: **Murray Darling Association Meeting**

COUNCILLOR: **Cr. Craig Davies**

DATE ATTENDED: **23 August 2021 (Via Teams)**

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

Resignation of CEO

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

Meeting focussed on the resignation of our CEO of seven years, Emma Bradbury, and the process of replacing her.

A recruitment agency has been contracted to undertake the recruitment process and an in-depth discussion was held surrounding the attributes the MDA was seeking to ensure the best candidates could be attracted.

The process will take some six weeks and a salary commensurate with the responsibilities offered, knowing the importance of the role and being able to continue the excellent service provided by the previous incumbent.

3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council

The ongoing engagement with other Councils involved in water issues across the Murray Darling Basin and the ability to have those issues brought to the highest levels of Government.

4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)

Continued representation on this Association.

Signature: Cr Craig Davies

Date: 28 August 2021

DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:
Macquarie Flood Mitigation Zone Reference Group

COUNCILLOR: **Cr. Mark Munro**

DATE ATTENDED: **18 August 2021 (via Teams)**

1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting

This advisory panel was created to advise and make recommendations to WaterNSW when Air Space Operations take effect. Landholders from Dubbo to below Warren along with Councils, WaterNSW, DPI and associated departments are on the Macquarie Flood Mitigation Zone Reference Group.

The panel when asked will guide WaterNSW on the balance between water releases, river heights and downstream flooding effects to land and infrastructure, as well as the environment.

2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council

Burrendong Dam level is at 87% and inflows are predicted to impact on airspace in the dam over the spring, triggering Macquarie Flood Mitigation Zone Reference Group operations.

Three options were discussed on how to proceed once the operations level approaches 100%.

- 100-120% releases to a max of 5000 ml/d at Warren 5.5m river level achieved
- 120-130% releases of 12000 ml/d at Gin Gin or 6.6m at Warren
- 130-144% releases of 18000 ml/d at Gin Gin 7.5m at Warren

I initiated further discussion about the future implications and how to ensure we have as much water in the dam at the conclusion of any event and particularly at the end of the summer irrigation season.

The point was raised that, within two years, after the record rainfall in 2016, the dam was dry. There was a general consensus that too much water was released too quickly and how can this be avoided to ensure water security into the future.

Another advisor put forward the idea of simply raising the Flood Mitigation Zone or Air Space level on the dam. Less air space for Flood Mitigation Zone but with better water control and increased data, maybe the most economical way to increase storage capacity.

Macquarie Flood Mitigation Zone Reference Group are expected to be called on to provide input throughout the spring and summer months, with above average inflows predicted.

A suggestion from the members was to contact Mr. George Mack and ask of his availability to be part of the Macquarie Flood Mitigation Zone Reference Group advisory panel, given his vast experience with the river.

It is noted Cr. McCutcheon is a land user representative.

3. **Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**
Provides a forum to identify methods for the management of hazards associated with flooding.
4. **Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**
Continued representation on this group when required.

Signature: Cr Mark Munro

Date: 18 August 2021