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**MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

held on

WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL 2025

PRESENT

Councillors Ewen Jones (Mayor and Chair), Stacey Bohm (Deputy Mayor), Craig Davies, Les Lambert, Lachlan Roberts, Peter Howe, Brian Leak, Judy Smith, Adine Hoey and Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager), Mr Phil Johnston (Director Community & Economic Development), Ms Melanie Slimming (Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services), 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 Chair.

MEETING PROCEDURE

The Chair requested that all mobile phones are placed on silent or turned off during the meeting and advised that the meeting is being recorded and will be uploaded to Council's website, and persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements. This meeting must not be recorded by others without prior written consent of Council. Any person who engages in disorderly conduct may be expelled from the meeting.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

The Statement of Ethical Obligations was made by the Chair.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was moved Crs Lambert/Davies that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 March 2025 be adopted.

The Chair called Cr Howe to order.

Cr Howe moved a motion of dissent from the ruling of the Chair.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

The motion, that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 March 2025 be adopted was put to the vote and CARRIED.

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Cr Howe recorded his vote against the motion.

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTE**1. MAYORAL DIARY**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that the information be noted.

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2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Lambert that the information be noted.

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3. COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Davies that the information be noted.

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4. COUNCIL MEETING PRAYER ROSTER

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Smith that the Mayor coordinate, on a rotational basis, a representative from each Church to deliver the Prayer at the beginning of the Council Meeting.

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COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**1. ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS MEETING**

RESOLVED Crs Davies/Roberts that the information be noted.

2025/343

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**1. REPORT OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Davies;

1. That the recommendations from the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 18 March 2025 be adopted.
2. That the draft Restricted Funds Policy as presented to Council be adopted.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (Cont'd)**2. REPORT OF THE TRANGIE SHOWGROUND AND RACECOURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Roberts that the report of the Trangie Showground and Racecourse Advisory Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2025 be adopted.

2025/345**3. REPORT OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that the report of the Local Traffic Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 1 April 2025 be adopted.

2025/346**REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER****1. CLASSIFICATION OF LOT 48 DP755089 AS OPERATIONAL LAND**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Smith that Lot 48 DP755089 be classified as operational land in accordance with Sections 31 and 34 of the Local Government Act 1993.

2025/347**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURNS**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Roberts that the information be noted.

2025/348**3. SWIMMING POOL BARRIER INSPECTION POLICY**

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Bohm that Council adopt the Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Policy.

2025/349**REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY****1. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Bohm;

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

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY (Cont'd)**2. FINANCIAL REPORT – 31 MARCH 2025****RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Hoey;

1. That the financial report as at 31 March 2025 be received and noted.
2. That Council notes the material variances between the actual and estimated income and expenditure identified in the report.

2025/351**REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS****RESOLVED** Crs Bohm/Hoey that the information be noted.**2025/352**

Cr Bohm asked what the restrictions are on secondary dwellings. The question was taken on notice.

2. MANAGEMENT OF THE NARROMINE AND TRANGIE AQUATIC CENTRES**RESOLVED** Crs Hoey/Lambert;

1. That the management of the Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centres be offered for tender from the 2025/26 season for a five-year period (three years and two subsequent year by year extensions based on satisfactory performance).
2. That the General Manager continues to seek improvements to the operations of the pool as budget permits in line with the pool service level review.
3. That Council gives consideration during the budget process that the fee for non-swimming admission to the aquatic centres be reduced to no charge if accompanying a swimmer.

2025/353**REPORTS TO COUNCIL – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES****1. WORKS REPORT****RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Smith that the information be noted.**2025/354****2. FUTURE DIRECTION – BROWN'S LANE, NARROMINE**

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Leak that following consideration of written submissions, Council proceeds with the closure of Brown's Lane in accordance with Section 38D of the Roads Act 1993, with the intent to sell the land to the Shepherds once Council receives title for the former Council public road.

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Cr Smith recorded her vote against the motion.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (Cont'd)**3. WATER QUALITY - TRANGIE**

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Davies that Council proceed with Option 1, which includes enhanced community engagement and education regarding sodium levels and water usage. Additionally, that the issue be incorporated into the Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) strategy, to be reviewed in detail during the 2030 strategy review.

2025/356**NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTION****1. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION, REGION 10**

It was moved Crs Smith/Bohm that point 4 of the motion of 12/03/2025 (Resolution No 2025/324) - that Narromine Shire Council replaces Councillor Howe with Councillor Davies as the appointed Councillor Representative to the MDA – Region 10, be rescinded.

The motion was put to the vote and LOST

A division of the vote was called.

In favour of the motion was Crs Howe, Smith, Leak and Bohm.

Against the motion was Crs Jones, Roberts, Lambert, Hoey and Davies.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS REPORT

Items from the Director Community and Economic Development.

1. SALE OF 20 POWELL PLACE, NARROMINE HANGAR AND LAND

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Council considers the report of the Sale of 20 Powell Place, Narromine Hangar and Land in Closed Meeting in accordance with Section 10(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act as it considers commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person to supplied it. Early disclosure of this commercial information would put Council at a competitive disadvantage preventing Council from achieving a 'best value for money' outcome for the community.

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OPEN COUNCIL**Items from the Director Community and Economic Development.****1. SALE OF 20 POWELL PLACE, NARROMINE HANGAR AND LAND****Resolution from Closed Meeting****RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Davies;

1. That Council accept the offer to purchase lot 19 DP 1278134, Powell Place subject to a contract of sale being entered into prior to 30th June 2025.
2. That the Common Seal be affixed to any sale documentation as required.
3. That a further report be provided to Council following completion of the sale.

2025/358**Cr Howe recorded his vote against the motion.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.56pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 7) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of 2025 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 9 April 2025.

Chair