NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 14 AUGUST 2024 REPORTS TO COUNCIL – GENERAL MANAGER

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Link to Strategic Plan: CSP – 4.4.1 Provide sound input into State, Regional and

Non-government Organisation Plans and Strategies

DP - 4.4.1.1 Active membership and representation on

government, regional and other bodies

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to determine Council's voting delegate to the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held 17 – 19 November 2024 and any motions to be put forward for consideration at the Conference.

Report

The LGNSW Annual Conference is the main policy making event for the local government sector where issues are debated and motions put forward for consideration by delegates. This year the conference will be held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre.

Narromine Shire Council is entitled to one voting member, usually the Mayor. Other participants attend as observers.

Attendees need to register from 17 July 2024 until 25 September 2024 in order to take advantage of the special 'early bird' rates. The event portal will allow registration without a delegate name with information to updated once Council representatives are known.

Council's voting delegate (must be an elected member of Council) is required to be registered by 5pm on Wednesday 6 November 2024.

Motion submission opens on 17 July 2024. Voting members are encouraged to submit motions by Friday 16 August 2024 to allow assessment of the motions and preparation of the Business Paper before the Conference. The latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion is Sunday 20 October 2024.

The Annual Conference can only reasonably consider and debate around 100 motions in the available time, therefore LGNSW requests that members only submit motions that relate to their highest priorities.

Motions need to be strategic, affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions. Motions should be considered and adopted at a Council Meeting. The format of the motions should call on a specific body (e.g. LGNSW, State Government, Federal Government, or a Minister) and have a specific outcome that the motion is aiming to achieve.

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Financial Implications

'Early bird' registration pricing for 2024 is \$1,115 including GST per attendee. Conference dinner tickets are priced at \$230 including GST per person. Accommodation and travel costs will also be incurred.

Standard registration opens 28 September 2024 and closes 27 October 2024. Standard registered pricing for 2024 is \$1,485 including GST per attendee.

Legal and Regulatory Compliance

Member's voting entitlements are determined by the LGNSW rules. Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

Risk Management Issues

Nil

Internal/External Consultation

Nil

Attachments

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Mayor be Council's voting member; and
- 2. That the General Manager and Deputy Mayor also attend the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference.
- 3. That motions to the LGNSW Annual Conference (if any) be forwarded to the General Manager for consideration at Council's September Meeting.

Jane Redden

General Manager