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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 14 FEBRUARY 2024**  
**MAYORAL MINUTE**

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**1. MAYORAL DIARY**

December 2023

2 December	World Gliding Championships Opening Ceremony
6 December	Trangie Action Group Meeting
7 December	World Gliding Championships Mayoral Welcome
8 December	Alliance of Western Councils Board Meeting
10 December	Interview with CWA representative in relation to the importance of CWA to Rural NSW
11 December	Trangie CWA Nurture Co-Working Space Opening Trangie Central School Presentation Day Narromine Aviation Group Meeting
13 December	Council Pre-Briefing Meeting Ordinary Council Meeting
16 December	Trangie Christmas Party
18 December	Shop Local Draw Meeting with Councillors and Executive Leadership Team Tomingley Advancement Association Committee Meeting and Christmas Dinner

January 2024

13 January	Meeting with Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, The Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP in Trangie and Narromine
23 January	Meeting with Deputy Mayor and General Manager
24 January	Meeting with NSW Productivity Commissioner in relation to the review of funding models for Local Water Utilities
25 January	Narromine Australia Day Ambassador Dinner
26 January	Trangie Australia Day Celebrations

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY**

December 2023

2 December	World Gliding Championships Opening Ceremony
4 December	Narromine Local Traffic Committee Meeting
6 December	Trangie St Johns Catholic School Presentation Day Narromine Venetian Carnival
7 December	Mayoral Reception - World Gliding Championships
8 December	Narromine St Augustines Catholic School Presentation Day
11 December	Trangie CWA Nurture Co-Working Space Opening
12 December	Narromine Water Supply Scheme Presentation
13 December	Council Pre-Briefing Meeting Ordinary Council Meeting
18 December	Meeting with Councillors and Executive Leadership Team Tomingley Advancement Association Committee Meeting and Christmas Dinner

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**2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY (Cont'd)**

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8 January	Meeting with General Manager
9 January	Native Fingerling Release Event
16 January	Meeting with Chair of the Narromine Australia Day Committee
25 January	Narromine Australia Day Ambassador Dinner
26 January	Narromine Australia Day Celebrations Trangie Australia Day Celebrations

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**3. DELEGATE REPORT – ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS**

Attached is my delegate report on the Alliance Western Councils Meeting held on 8 December 2023 (**See Attachment No. 1**)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies  
**Mayor**

## DELEGATE REPORT

COUNCILLOR REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT:

### **Alliance of Western Councils (AWC) Board Meeting**

COUNCILLOR: Cr. Craig Davies – Chair of AWC

DATE ATTENDED: 8 December 2023

#### **1. Main Purpose of Conference/Visit/Meeting**

Quarterly Meeting

#### **2. Key Messages/Highlights of Relevance to Council**

- The Election of Chair and Deputy Chairs resulted in myself re-elected as Chair along with Cr Quigley (Warren Shire Council) and Cr Neill (Bogan Shire Council) re-elected as Deputy Chairs.
- Discussion held in relation to the AWC becoming a formal organisation and employing an Executive Officer in the future. Further report to be presented to the next Board Meeting.
- An update was provided in relation to the Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) project noting that EnergyCo NSW have released their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and are responding to submissions.
- A representative from Telstra provided an update advising that 5G is now reaching 80% of the population, with a hope to be at 96% by 2025. Closure of the 3G network will occur at the end of 2024.  
There was also an introduction to the Connectivity Plan for Successful Regions, designed to assist in supporting the vision of thriving, successful regional communities. Telstra will begin working with Councils to record specifics on their visions and plans, so together there is a plan on how technology and connectivity can best contribute to the regions' overall success.

#### **3. Benefits to Narromine Shire Council**

The aim of the Alliance of Western Councils is to advocate to State and Federal Government, collaborate with Councils on common issues, support each LGA on issues specific to their Council, network together for the benefit of delivering better local governance and outcomes for their communities and to resource share where possible.

#### **4. Suggestions for Future Action (if appropriate)**

Continued attendance at all Alliance of Western Council Meetings.

Signature: Craig Davies

Date: 8/2/24