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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 13 JULY 2022**  
**MAYORAL MINUTE**

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## **1. MAYORAL DIARY**

### June 2022

9 June	Country Mayors Association Executive Meeting
14 June	Flood Mitigation Reference Group Meeting Central West Orana Regional Energy Zone Meeting
15 June	Meetings with Retail Representatives Meeting with Potential Developers Meeting with Office of Water Commissioner Representatives
16 June	Meeting with Western NSW Health Representatives
17 June	Meeting with Trangie Doctor
20 June	Inland Rail Meeting in Canberra
21 June	Meeting New England Regional Energy Zone Mayors Meeting with the Philippines Ambassador
22 June	Pre-Briefing Meeting Public Forum Ordinary Council Meeting
23 June	Trangie Residents Meeting
27 June	Meeting with Business Operator Meeting with Trangie delegations
28 June	Meeting Charles Sturt University Representative Meeting with General Manger and Director Community and Economic Development
29 June	Meeting with Telstra Representative
30 June	Trangie Showground and Racecourse Advisory Committee Meeting

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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## **2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY**

### June 2022

3 June	Narromine Pharmacy Official Opening
10 June	Visit to Resident in Trangie turning 100 years old
20 June	Narromine Rotary Change Over Dinner
22 June	Pre-Briefing Meeting Public Forum Ordinary Council Meeting
23 June	Narromine Showground and Racecourse Advisory Committee Meeting

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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### **3. PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR**

As I have previously reported to Council, I was fortunate to be able to meet with the Ambassador for The Philippines in Canberra on 21st June 2022. Our discussion largely centered on the potential of an immigration program that could see a gradual influx of both skilled and unskilled workers from the Philippines into our Shire.

The industry is facing a labor shortage of unprecedented proportions in the coming years and to ensure we make the best of the opportunities that will arise we need to prepare to bring workers from a number of areas. The Philippine people have an enviable reputation for their skills and work ethic. They assimilate extremely well and can become a dynamic and essential part of our community.

With the concurrence of Council, I am proposing that following an informal invitation to the Ambassador during my visit, we can now move to a formal invitation for her to come to our Shire. Her visit would include a Civic reception one evening and a tour of some of the likely places of employment. The reception would include Federal Politicians, State Politicians, Councillors, some staff and potential employers who could offer the entourage insights into the work available now and into the future. Her Excellency Hellen De La Vega did indicate to me that she would likely include her Labor Attaché as well as her Consul General.

Should Council agree to support this proposal, a further Mayoral Minute will be presented to Council with a proposed agenda and indicative cost for endorsement.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council agrees in principle to extend a formal invitation to Ambassador Hellen De La Vega, with a further Mayoral Minute presented to Council providing the agenda and estimated cost for Council's endorsement.

Cr Craig Davies  
**Mayor**