



BUSINESS PAPER

Extraordinary Council Meeting

3 November 2021

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING & CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A Guiding Checklist for Councillors, Officers & Community Committees

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of Interest?
- Could your possible conflict of interest lead to private gain or loss at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A Conflict of Interest is a clash between private interests and public duty. There are two types of conflict: Pecuniary – regulated by the Local Government Act and Department of Local Government and, Non-pecuniary – regulated by Codes of Conduct, ICAC, Ombudsman, Department of Local Government (advice only).

THE TEST FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest.

IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS

- 1 Do I have private interest affected by a matter I am officially involved in?
- 2 Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
- 3 Do my private interests conflict with my official role?

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

AGENCY ADVICE

Officers of the following agencies are available during Office Hours to discuss the obligations placed on Councillors, Officers and Community Committee members by various pieces of legislation, regulation and codes.

Contact	Phone	Email
Narrandera Shire Council	02-6959 5510	council@narrandera.nsw.gov.au
ICAC	02-8281 5999	icac@icac.nsw.gov.au
Toll Free	1800 463 909	
Department of Local Government	02-4428 4100	olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
NSW Ombudsman	02-8286 1000	nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au
Toll Free	1800 451 524	

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Themes

Agenda Section 16 ~ Our Community

- 1.1 To live in a healthy community and one that demonstrates a positive attitude
- 1.2 To advocate for quality educational and cultural opportunities
- 1.3 To live in an inclusive and tolerant community
- 1.4 To feel connected and safe

Agenda Section 17 ~ Our Environment

- 2.1 To value, care for and protect our natural environment
- 2.2 To effectively manage and beautify our public spaces
- 2.3 To live in a community where there are sustainable practices

Agenda Section 18 ~ Our Economy

- 3.1 To encourage new business and industry that can be sustained
- 3.2 To support local business and industry to grow and prosper
- 3.3 To strongly promote our Shire and to improve its attractiveness
- 3.4 To grow our population

Agenda Section 19 ~ Our Infrastructure

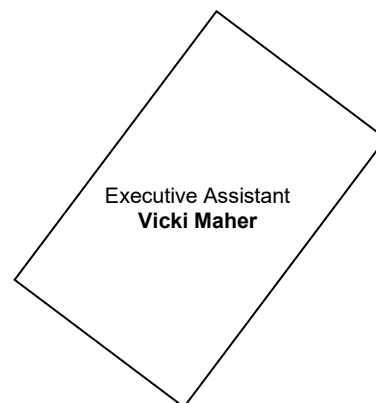
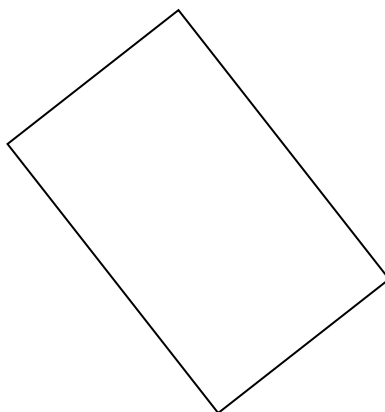
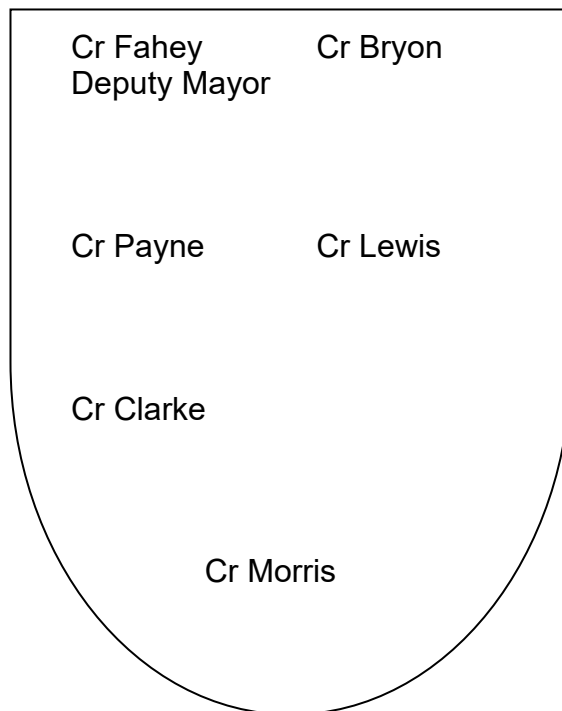
- 4.1 To have an improved and adequately maintained road network
- 4.2 To improve, maintain and value-add to our public and recreational infrastructure
- 4.3 To improve and enhance our water and sewer networks
- 4.4 To have a say when planning for new facilities or refurbishing existing facilities

Agenda Section 20 ~ Our Civic Leadership

- 5.1 To have a Council that demonstrates effective management consistently
- 5.2 To have a progressive Council that communicates and engages well with all of the community and is a role model for inclusivity
- 5.3 To have a community and a Council that works collaboratively with harmony, respect and understanding

SEATING

General Manager George Cowan	MAYOR Cr Kschenka	Deputy General Manager Infrastructure Shane Wilson	Deputy General Manager Corporate & Community Martin Hiscox
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**Notice is hereby given that the Extraordinary Meeting of the Narrandera Shire Council will be held in the Via Zoom on:
Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 9am**

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PUBLIC MEETING CLOSES

At this point, members of the Gallery and Press are advised that Council will now move into Closed Session of Council for the consideration of the Confidential Items. They are asked to leave the Chambers and advised that they may return to the Chambers if they wish, upon resumption of Open Council.

8 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER REPORTS**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

8.1 Sale of Large Consolidated Parcel of Industrial Land 6.15 Hectares

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - di, dii and diii of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret.

RETURN TO PUBLIC MEETING

At this point, members of the Gallery and Press may return to the Chambers for the conclusion of the meeting.