



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

12 November 2024

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 2PM**

The Mayor declared the Public Forum opened at 1.30pm and welcomed the Councillors, Staff, Media, and those following on the Live Streaming.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Mayor introduced Council's Works Manager who gave a presentation on Works Services.

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Council meeting opened at 2pm.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

2 HOUSE KEEPING

Advice provided of Council's Work, Health and Safety (WHS) Evacuation Plan and location of the Amenities.

3 DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

Advice provided to those present of the legislative requirement for Disclosure of Political Donations:

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Section 147 requires a person submitting planning applications or submissions regarding a planning application, to disclose any reportable political donation and/or gifts to any local Councillor or employee of Council. Reportable political donations include those of or above \$1,000. The Disclosure Statement forms are available on Council's website or from the Customer Service Centre and must be lodged in accordance with the Act.

There were no Disclosures of Political Donations received by the Chairperson.

4 REQUEST TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

No requests to join via audio-visual link in November 2024.

5 PRESENT

Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka, Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles, Cr Bob Manning, Cr Jenny Clarke OAM, Cr Cameron Rouse, Cr Peter Dawson, Cr Cameron Lander, Cr Braden Lyons

In Attendance

George Cowan (GM), Shane Wilson (DGMI), Cian Middleton (DGMCC), Vicki Maher (EA), Melissa Johnson (CAA)

6 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 24/187

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander
 Seconded: Cr Braden Lyons

That the apology from Cr Tracey Lewis be received, accepted, and leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 24/188

Moved: Cr Peter Dawson
 Seconded: Cr Cameron Rouse

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 October 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

9 MAYORAL REPORT

9.1 MAYORAL REPORT - OCTOBER NOVEMBER

RESOLUTION 24/189

Moved: Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka
 Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Mayor Report for October November 2024.

CARRIED

10 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 CR LYONS - ATTENDANCE AT "NATIVE TITLE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT" TRAINING

RESOLUTION 24/190

Moved: Cr Braden Lyons

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Notes the report on my attendance at the "Native Title for Local Government" training seminar.

CARRIED

11 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

14 OUR COMMUNITY

Nil

15 OUR ENVIRONMENT

Nil

16 OUR ECONOMY

16.1 WESTERN RIVERINA DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

MOTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Endorses the Western Riverina Consortium Regional Drought Resilience Plan for exhibition purposes.
2. Place the plan on public exhibition for a fourteen (14) day period.
3. Deems the Regional Drought Resilience Plan fit for submission to the NSW Government should no submissions be received from the community at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Bob Manning

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Consider using water trains to supply water in drought conditions.

LOST

The council then returned to the motion.

RESOLUTION 24/191

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Endorses the Western Riverina Consortium Regional Drought Resilience Plan for exhibition purposes.
2. Place the plan on public exhibition for a twenty-one (21) day period.
3. Deems the Regional Drought Resilience Plan fit for submission to the NSW Government should no submissions be received from the community at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

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17 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil

18 OUR LEADERSHIP**18.1 DEVELOPMENT OF 2025-26 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET****RESOLUTION 24/192**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the update on the development of the 2025-26 Operational Plan and Budget, as detailed in this report.

CARRIED

19 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Nil

20 PROCUREMENT**20.1 TENDER T-24-25-01 PLANT AND EQUIPMENT HIRE SERVICES****RESOLUTION 24/193**

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Endorses the companies as detailed within the report to be included on the panel for Plant and Equipment Hire Services under Clause166(c) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 for a period of three years from the date of this resolution.
2. Authorises the General Manager to add new suppliers to the panel of Plant and Equipment Hire Services during the three-year period, subject to them meeting all contract requirements.

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21 POLICY

Nil

22 COMMITTEE REPORTS**22.1 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 10 OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION 24/194**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Cameron Rouse

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on Thursday 10 October 2024.

CARRIED

22.2 KOALA REGENERATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 29 OCTOBER 2024**RESOLUTION 24/195**

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Koala Regeneration Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 29 October 2024.

CARRIED**22.3 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 8 OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION 24/196**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee held on Tuesday 8 October 2024.

CARRIED**22.4 AUSTRALIA DAY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 31 OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION 24/197**

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Braden Lyons

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Australia Day Planning Advisory Committee held on Thursday 31 October 2024.

CARRIED**23 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS****23.1 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION 24/198**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Development Services Activities Report for October 2024.

CARRIED

24 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – FINANCIAL / AUDIT REPORTS**24.1 SUBMISSIONS REGARDING GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITORS' REPORT****RESOLUTION 24/199**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Notes that no submissions were received in regard to the General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditors' Report for the period ending 30 June 2024.
2. Concludes the 2023-24 financial reporting process in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CARRIED**24.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER 2024 QUARTER****RESOLUTION 24/200**

Moved: Cr Peter Dawson

Seconded: Cr Bob Manning

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Quarterly Capital Works Report as at 30 September 2024.

CARRIED**24.3 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2024****RESOLUTION 24/201**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Receives, notes and endorses the information and variations contained in the September Quarterly Budget Review, appended at *Attachment 1*.

CARRIED**25 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – OTHER REPORTS****25.1 ENDORSEMENT OF 2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 24/202**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander
Seconded: Cr Cameron Rouse

That Council:

1. Endorses the Annual Report 2023-24, appended at *Attachment 1*, pursuant to section 428 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. Notes that the Annual Report 2023-24 will be published to Council's website with the URL provided to the Minister for Local Government by 30 November 2024, pursuant to section 428(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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26 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER REPORTS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 2.57pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 December 2024.

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GENERAL MANAGER

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CHAIRPERSON