

**MINUTES OF NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
46-48 MAITLAND STREET
NARRABRI
ON TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2024 AT 1:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:	Mayor Darrell Tiemens, Councillor Rohan Boehm, Councillor Robert Browning, Councillor Brett Dickinson, Councillor Greg Lamont, Councillor Catherine Redding, Councillor Lisa Richardson
IN ATTENDANCE:	Eloise Chaplain (Interim General Manager), Donna Ausling (Director Planning and Sustainability), Evan Harris (Acting Director Infrastructure Delivery), Ted Harrington (Director Financial and Commercial Services), Jason Townsend (Manager Governance and Risk), Kira O'Neil (Minute Clerk)

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 1:00 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

1. OPENING PRAYER

Members and officers were upstanding for the opening prayer by Pastor Travis Lions of Thrive Church Narrabri, in association with the Narrabri Ministers Fraternal.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Council met, the Kamilaroi people, and the Council paid its respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Council acknowledged the sacrifice made by Australian service men and women, in particular those who gave their lives in defence of the freedom we enjoy today.

4. ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

Nil.

5. APOLOGIES/GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COUNCILLOR	DATE / DURATION	APOLOGY / LEAVE OF ABSENCE	REASON
Cr John Clements	27 August 2024	Leave of Absence	Work commitments
Cr Ron Campbell	27 August 2024	Leave of Absence	Work commitments

MINUTE 158/2024

Moved: Cr Brett Dickinson Seconded: Cr Rohan Boehm

1. That Leave of Absence be granted to Crs John Clements and Ron Campbell for the period of 27 August 2024.

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil.

7. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL (PUBLIC EXCLUDED) MEETING

Nil reports.

8. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**9.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****MINUTE 159/2024**

Moved: Cr Brett Dickinson Seconded: Cr Robert Browning

1. That the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Narrabri Shire Council held on 30 July 2024 as circularised be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Mayor.

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

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10. MATTERS OF GREAT URGENCY

Nil reports.

11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil reports.

12. MAYORAL MINUTES

12.1 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 22 JULY TO 18 AUGUST 2024**MINUTE 160/2024**

Moved: Cr Darrell Tiemens Seconded: Cr None

1. That Council receive and note the Mayoral appointments for the period 22 July to 18 August 2024.

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont,
Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0

13. DELEGATES REPORT

Nil reports.

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil reports.

14.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - NET ZERO CARBON FUTURES POLICY

This item was excluded by the Chair under clause 10.9 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

15. GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

15.1 EXCLUDED NOTICE OF MOTION**MINUTE 161/2024**

Moved: Cr Catherine Redding Seconded: Cr Brett Dickinson

1. That Council Note this report.

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Brett Dickinson, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Greg Lamont

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 4/3

15.2 RESOLUTION REGISTER - AUGUST 2024

MINUTE 162/2024

Moved: Cr Greg Lamont Seconded: Cr Robert Browning

1. That Council receive and note the outstanding Resolutions Register for August 2024.

2. That Council receive and note the completed Resolutions Register for August 2024.

In Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont,

Favour: Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Ron Campbell, John Clements

Present:

CARRIED 7/0

15.3 OPERATIONAL PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT - QUARTER 4 2023/2024 (1 APRIL 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2024) AND DELIVERY PROGRAM 6 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT (30 JUNE 2024)

MINUTE 163/2024

Moved: Cr Catherine Redding Seconded: Cr Lisa Richardson

1. That Council adopt the Quarter 4 2023/2024 Quarterly Operational and Service Plan Progress Report, as attached, detailing Council's progress in meeting its actions, capital works and key performance measures for 2023/2024.

2. That Council adopt the Delivery Program 6 Monthly Progress Report, as attached, detailing Council's progress in meeting its objectives, strategies and measures up to 30 June 2024 period.

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0

16. FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES**16.1 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - JUNE 2024****MINUTE 164/2024**

Moved: Cr Brett Dickinson Seconded: Cr Catherine Redding

- 1. That Council receive and note the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 30 June 2024.**

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: Greg Lamont

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 6/1**16.2 CARRYOVERS, REVOTES AND OVERRUNS 2024****MINUTE 165/2024**

Moved: Cr Catherine Redding Seconded: Cr Brett Dickinson

- 1. That Council revoke in 2024/2025 an amount of \$822,600, as identified in attachment 1 to this report, from the 2023/2024 capital works program.**
- 2. That Council carry forward to 2024/2025 an amount of \$8,501,786, as identified in attachment 1 to this report, to finalise works not completed as at the end of 2023/2024 financial year.**
- 3. That Council reduce multi-year capital project budgets in 2024/2025 by an amount of \$241,483, for projects that exceeded their projected votes at 30 June 2024, or were commenced in advance, as identified in attachment 1 to this report.**

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0**16.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 2024****MINUTE 166/2024**

Moved: Cr Rohan Boehm Seconded: Cr Brett Dickinson

- 1. That Council receive and note the Monthly Financial reports for July 2024.**

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0

16.4 INVESTMENT REPORT - JULY 2024**MINUTE 167/2024**

Moved: Cr Brett Dickinson Seconded: Cr Rohan Boehm

1. That Council receive and note the Investment Report for July 2024.

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont,
Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0**16.5 THE CROSSING THEATRE CONCESSIONAL USE APPLICATION - 2770 ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA****MINUTE 168/2024**

Moved: Cr Catherine Redding Seconded: Cr Brett Dickinson

1. That Council approve the concessional use rate of 50% of room hire to St Francis Xavier's School.

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont,
Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0**16.6 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LEARN TO SWIM PARTICIPANTS OFFSETTING ENTRY FEES CHARGES IN 2024/2025 AS ADOPTED IN THE OPERATIONAL PLAN****MINUTE 169/2024**

Moved: Cr Rohan Boehm Seconded: Cr Lisa Richardson

1. That Council allocate \$20,000 of the Community Grants budget to fund a 50% discount for children to enter all Council-run aquatic centres for formal learn-to-swim classes.

2. That Council provides a 50% discount for children to enter aquatic centres for formal learn-to-swim classes for the 2024/2025 year, to commence 1 September 2024, up to a value of \$20,000.

3. That a report on usage be presented to Council on a quarterly basis.

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont,
Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0

16.7 LEASE RENEWAL - WEE WAA COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE**MINUTE 170/2024**

Moved: Cr Lisa Richardson

Seconded: Cr Brett Dickinson

1. That Council enter into a new lease agreement with Wee Waa Community Arts and Cultural Centre, being:

- a. Permitted use - activities associated with cultural and artistic development of the community.**
- b. Term - 2 years with no options**
- c. Rent - \$1.00 per annum**
- d. Rates - nil charge to WWCACC**
- e. Outgoings - Lessee responsibility**

2. That Council delegate the authority to the General Manager to enter into the lease agreement and execute relevant documentation.

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0**17. INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY****17.1 CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA NSW - INTERMENT SERVICES LEVY****MINUTE 171/2024**

Moved: Cr Catherine Redding

Seconded: Cr Brett Dickinson

1. That Council adopt the new Cemetery fees which include the mandatory NSW Government Interment Services Levy to Council's Fees and Charges for 2024/2025.**2. That Council activates the new fees immediately from adoption.**

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0**17.2 INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY STATUS REPORT - JULY 2024****MINUTE 172/2024**

Moved: Cr Brett Dickinson

Seconded: Cr Greg Lamont

1. That Council receive and note the Infrastructure Delivery Status Report for July 2024.

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0

17.3 WEE WAA LEVEE DESIGN - PUBLIC EXHIBITION**MINUTE 173/2024**

Moved: Cr Brett Dickinson Seconded: Cr Robert Browning

- 1. That Council endorse the 100% Detailed Design of the Wee Waa Levee Upgrade to be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days, and during the exhibition period call for and accept submissions from the public on the design.**
- 2. That a report be returned to Council following the conclusion of the Public Exhibition Period to the next available Ordinary Council Meeting detailing the results of the public exhibition.**

In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

CARRIED 7/0

18. PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY**18.1 COMMUNITY ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES - AUGUST 2024****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Lisa Richardson Seconded: Cr Rohan Boehm

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Report on August 2024 community advocacy opportunities.**
- 2. That Council receives and notes the update on the 2024 National General Assembly (NGA) resolutions.**
- 3. That Council receives and notes the update on the LGNSW 2024 Annual Conference and submits the following two motions:**
 - i. That LGNSW calls on the NSW government to:**
 - a. extend financial support for the delivery of health services and equipment in rural and remote communities and ensure local government is included as a stakeholder in project consultation.**
 - b. Initiate an independent review into Hunter New England Health's support for remote and rural hospitals.**
 - ii. That LGNSW calls on the Australian and NSW Governments to urgently progress the Inquiry into insurers' responses to recent major flood claims, and to:**
 - a. Expedite its current suite of reforms to help reduce insurance costs for homeowners and businesses, and in addition;**
 - b. Expand the disaster event re-insurance framework for all small, medium, rural and remote area communities impacted by natural disasters;**
 - c. Increase targeted investment in community resilience building initiatives at the regional level; and**
 - d. Invest in increased and sustained infrastructure betterment funding to local governments.**
- 4. That Council receives and notes the update in relation to the inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility items.**

5. That Council receives and notes the update in relation to the draft Australian Government Drought Plan.

MINUTE 174/2024

Moved: Cr Rohan Boehm

Seconded: Cr Greg Lamont

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In Favour: Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Catherine Redding, Lisa Richardson

Against: None

Not Present: Ron Campbell, John Clements

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The Amendment was carried and became The Motion.

19. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

Nil reports.

20. CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED COUNCIL) MEETING

Nil reports.

21. MEETING CLOSED

The Meeting closed at 3:14 pm.

The minutes of this meeting are scheduled to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council Meeting to be held in October 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON