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ADDENDUM ITEM FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 2020

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Clause 7(1) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that an **Ordinary Council Meeting** will be held at the RSL Pavillion and via Zoom on **Wednesday, 22 July 2020** commencing at **9.30am**.

Terry Dodds
Chief Executive

AGENDA

10. URGENT, LATE & SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS OF BUSINESS

(ITEM GOV46/20)	LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2020 - 6 TO 8 OCTOBER 2020	2
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Department:	Office of the Chief Executive
Submitted by:	Executive Assistant & Media
Reference:	ITEM GOV46/20
Subject:	LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2020 - 6 TO 8 OCTOBER 2020

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

CSP Goal:	Leadership - LEAD 12 - We are a well engaged community that is actively involved in decision making processes and informed about services and activities.
CSP Strategy:	We partner with the community, business and Federal and State Government in the achievement of our goals.
Delivery Plan Action:	Maintain strong relationships with all levels of Government and proactively seek involvement in decision making impacting our Shire and the New England Northwest Region.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider Council representation at the Local Government NSW Water Management Conference to be held at Narrabri from Tuesday, 6 to Thursday, 8 October 2020 at The Crossing Theatre, Narrabri.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor and Chief Executive to represent Council at the Local Government NSW Water Management Conference at Narrabri, 6 to 8 October 2020.

BACKGROUND

LGNSW's Water Management Conference is a major annual event that provides a dedicated forum to discuss water policy initiatives and trends, hear about the latest technical issues and share best practice in urban water governance and management.

REPORT:

Over recent years, NSW Councils and local water utilities have confronted several complex and unprecedented challenges in providing safe water to their communities, such as drought and devastating bushfires. The LGNSW Water Management Conference will feature case studies and learnings from these experiences with a focus on building preparedness, capacity and resilience.

Guest speakers for the event include:

- The Hon Melinda Pavey MP, NSW Minister for Water, Property & Housing
- The Hon Keith Pitt MP, Federal Minister for Resources, Property & Housing
- Dr Jane Doolan, Commissioner, National Water Reform Inquiry, Productivity Commission
- Erin Saunders, Senior Advisor, Sydney Water
- Matthew Coulton, General Manager, Bureau of Meteorology
- Brendan Guiney, Executive Officer, Water Directorate

Attendance at the event will provide the opportunity for the Mayor and Chief Executive to raise the issue of funding for the Mole River Dam.

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COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

1. Community Engagement / Communication (per engagement strategy)

Nil.

2. Policy and Regulation

- *Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy 1.160*

3. Financial (Annual Budget & LTFP)

Allocation has been made in the 2020/2021 budget for the attendance of the Mayor and/or Councillors and the Chief Executive at Conferences, however an estimate of cost per delegate is as follows:

- Estimated Early Bird Registration \$550.00 (closing 28 August 2020)
- Accommodation (2 nights) \$200.00 per night allowable as per Policy
- No requirement for airfares as travel will be by Council vehicle

4. Asset Management (AMS)

Nil.

5. Workforce (WMS)

Nil.

6. Legal and Risk Management

Nil.

7. Performance Measures

Nil.

8. Project Management

Nil.

Terry Dodds
Chief Executive

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CO-HOSTED BY:



REGISTRATION

LGNSW

WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

16 July 2020

Virtual Forum

6-8 October 2020

In-person Conference at The Crossing Theatre
117 Tibbereena Street, Narrabri, NSW 2390





**LGNSW WATER
MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE 2020**

WHEN

VIRTUAL FORUM
THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020

IN-PERSON CONFERENCE
TUESDAY 6 - THURSDAY 8
OCTOBER 2020

ONLINE REGISTRATION
WWW.LGNSW.ORG.AU

LGNSW's Water Management Conference is a major annual event that provides a dedicated forum to discuss water policy initiatives and trends, hear about the latest technical issues and share best practice in urban water governance and management.

The 2020 conference will be co-hosted by Narrabri Shire Council and it is anticipated that more than 200 delegates from NSW and interstate will attend, including councillors and council general managers, water utility managers, professionals, policy makers, researchers and other key industry stakeholders.

Delegates will have the opportunity to find out about the latest water policy initiatives and trends, receive updates on emerging technical issues, establish benchmarks and take advantage of networking, professional development and team building sessions.

In recognition of the in-person event that was originally scheduled to be held in July, there will be a webinar on Thursday 16 July 2020 with special guest speaker the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing. It will focus on COVID-19 recovery and regional solutions, as well as resilience with investing in water utility. In addition, there will be a Q&A session where the audience can ask the Minister questions.

Above: View from Doug Sky Lookout, Mt Kap.

Compelling reasons to travel to Narrabri

A leader in water ingenuity for rural areas, Narrabri Shire is also home to a diverse range of beautiful natural resources and wildlife, and a dynamic and engaged community. It is an agricultural wonderland and renowned for the production of some of the world's highest quality wheat, cotton, fat lambs and beef. It is also a bustling town offering a wonderful selection of shopping, restaurants, attractions and museums.

The Narrabri region is famously known as "Big Sky" country because of its captivating star-filled night skies. It is home to natural wonders such as the Sawn Rocks, Pilliga hot artesian bore bath and the Salt Caves. With a mix of country charm and soul, Narrabri is an inviting gateway to stunning nature views and the picturesque setting of Mt Kaputar National Park.

Just you, five million stars, a mountain range and a yowie is another compelling reason to attend this year and find out what "Destination Narrabri" means for the business and leisure traveller. The Pilliga Forest, with its vast and unusual semi-arid woodlands spanning over 3000sq km, is said to be the home of this Big Foot kin. Seekers are drawn from across the globe in search of this mystical creature.

Conference Program

Over recent years, NSW councils and local water utilities (LWUs) have confronted several complex and unprecedented challenges in providing safe water to their communities. Although recent rain has restored coastal dam levels, many inland towns continue to face the prospect of "day zero" - when water supplies dry up. Meanwhile, the devastating bushfires have exposed water supplies and catchments to the risk of contamination, potentially compromising existing, dwindling water supplies.



ABOVE:
 Australia Telescope
 Compact Array at night,
 Water Augmentation
 Project, Baan Baa Solar
 Panel Generator,
 The Crossing Theatre.

The 2020 LGNSW Water Management Conference will feature case studies and learnings from these experiences, focusing on building preparedness, capacity and resilience.

Program highlights include:

- overcoming the "yuck factor" - the case for purified, recycled water as a drinking water source;
- understanding the impacts of extreme weather events on water quality;
- learning about innovative and scalable water treatment technologies; and exploring indigenous water management practices.

Site Visits

Water storage treatment site

In Narrabri, attendees will visit the 11.4 ML Narrabri Water supply storages and pump station, which are key components of infrastructure of the Narrabri Water Augmentation Project. Both offer insight into projects undertaken by the council to improve water use and water services in recent times.

Narrabri Water Supply Augmentation

The Narrabri Water Augmentation Project will secure the township's water supply for the next 25 years. Although its water supply already meets the Australian Drinking Water Standards, the quality of Narrabri's drinking water has long been a contentious issue. This \$14.18 million project will centralise storage, enabling more efficient processing and distribution and bringing water treatment one step closer.

Construction is expected to be completed in June 2020, with the decision to treat water to a higher level to be determined following community consultation and future funding opportunities.

Baan Baa Water Supply Project

Baan Baa village has great opportunity for growth, with nearby coal mines and a healthy agricultural sector, but has had no secure water supply since its establishment in 1882. The Baan Baa water supply project was a drinking water supply scheme that began in early 2017. The total budget for the project was \$4.46 million, yet it was completed for \$3.28 million.

Works included a solar panel system to reduce long-term operational costs and an automated remote meter reading system. This was essentially a greenfield site that had many technical issues to overcome and other services to work around, such as telecommunications, low and high voltage power, the rail system and existing road networks.

Baan Baa now has a secure source of water. The project provides the region with a secure, sustainable and efficient water supply for the generations ahead.

Social Program

Dress code is smart casual. The average temperature for Narrabri in October is between 10°C and 25°C.

Welcome Reception

Tuesday 6 October 2020

6.30pm – 8.30pm

The Tourist Hotel

142 Maitland St, Narrabri NSW 2390

Originally established in 1938, this exceptional art deco building has been extensively renovated and, with new owners, is delighting locals. Upmarket, smart, great food with sparkling interiors, the restaurant, ladies lounge, garden courtyard and accommodation are winners.

Conference Dinner

Wednesday 7 October 2020

7.00pm – 10.00pm

Onsite at The Crossing Theatre

Set on sprawling green lawns overlooking Narrabri Creek, this \$8 million complex, including auditorium, twin cinema, café and reception rooms, is a community hotspot.

CONFERENCE DINNER SPONSOR:



Main Conference Venue and Accommodation

The main conference will be held at The Crossing Theatre.

Accommodation and Travel Booking Assistance

There is a range of hotels within walking distance of The Crossing Theatre, such as The Club Motor Inn, Belleview Motel and The Tourist Hotel.

For more information, visit the accommodation and travel section on LGNSW's Water Conference page at lgnsw.org.au

No transfers are booked for daily commuting to the conference. The welcome reception and conference dinner are in the main town centre of Narrabri and are within walking distance. Please book accommodation before you register for the conference as October is a busy period for the region and school holidays will be on at the same time as the conference. When you register online, please add your accommodation details when prompted.

Conveniently located halfway between Sydney and Brisbane, Narrabri is the main service centre of Narrabri Shire and is easily accessible via the Newell Highway or Kamilaroi Highway via car. Flights to and from Moree are available (transfers required).

LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2020

Registration Information

VIRTUAL FORUM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
 TUESDAY 14 JULY AT MIDDAY

OCTOBER CONFERENCE
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
 FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2020,
 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

STANDARD REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
 WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
 2020, CLOSE OF BUSINESS

ONLINE REGISTRATION
 WWW.LGNSW.ORG.AU

Below: Cotton picking



CONTACT DETAILS
 EVENTS@LGNSW.ORG.AU
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 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Registration Opening Dates

Virtual Forum Registration:
 Tuesday 16 June 2020

October Conference Early Bird Registration:
 Thursday 16 July 2020

Once registrations are open, you will be able to register online at: www.lgnsw.org.au/waterconference

Registration fees (inclusive of GST) are for council staff and elected members, members of local government water utilities and water directorate members, and for sponsors and speakers as directed by LGNSW. Credit card payments will attract a fee of 3%.

Virtual Forum Registration:

Once registration is complete, the access link to join the webinar will be emailed to you closer to the event date. Delegates registering to attend both the webinar and the in-person conference will receive a discount of \$44 (including GST) off their conference ticket.

In-person Conference Registration:

Full registration includes all conference sessions, site visit, morning teas, lunch and afternoon teas, welcome reception and conference dinner for all full delegates.

Single day registration includes attendance at conference sessions on **Wednesday 7 October** or **Thursday 8 October 2020**, including site visits, morning/afternoon tea and lunch. Tickets to social functions may be purchased separately.

Virtual Forum Registration	\$66.00 per person (by midday Tuesday 14 July 2020)
COUNCIL DELEGATES	
Early Bird Registration	\$550.00 per person (by close of business Friday 28 August 2020)
Standard Registration	\$695.00 per person (by close of business Wednesday 23 September 2020)
Single Day Registration	\$300.00 per person, conference sessions only (no social events included)
NON-COUNCIL DELEGATES	
Early Bird Registration	\$980.00 per person (by close of business Friday 28 August 2020)
Standard Registration	\$1150.00 per person (by close of business Wednesday 23 September 2020)
Single Day Registration	\$495.00 per person, conference sessions only (no social events included)
Welcome Reception	\$90.00 for partners and guests (by close of business Wednesday 23 September 2020)
Dinner Tickets	\$150.00 for partners and guests (by close of business Wednesday 23 September 2020)

Note: All industry or commercial businesses wishing to attend and not registering as sponsors may attend at the Non-council early bird rate.

Changes to Bookings and Cancellation Policy

Modifications can be made to bookings using the confirmation number and link provided in the confirmation email sent automatically when registering online. For any enquiries, contact LGNSW at events@lgnsw.org.au or (02) 9242 4000.

After Wednesday 23 September 2020, any subsequent changes must be advised to the registration desk at the conference and will be accommodated if possible.

If you are unable to attend, a substitute delegate is welcome at no additional charge. All cancellations must be advised in writing to LGNSW Events (events@lgnsw.org.au). Cancellations dated on or before Wednesday 23 September 2020 will incur a cancellation fee of \$220. No refunds will be made for cancellations advised after this date.

Online Registration Details and Privacy

Our secure site accepts credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) and direct deposit payments. A cheque can be sent via post. On completing registration, a tax invoice will be emailed automatically. Cheques must be made out to "Local Government NSW" and sent to GPO Box 7003 Sydney NSW 2000 with a copy of the tax invoice before the conference.

Environmental Sustainability and Innovation

LGNSW is committed to environmental sustainability at our events and conferences. Initiatives are in place to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" at the 2020 Water Conference. Our Guidelines for Event Sustainability are on our website. We do not produce conference papers. Speaker presentations will be available on our website post conference; we do electronic surveys and where possible seek other ways to reduce the event's carbon footprint. We also seek to support communities by buying local goods and services.



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