

September 23, 2025

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
TO BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA NO. 1

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER

MAYORAL MINUTES

1. MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 6/25 - DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 - APPROVAL OF COUNCILLOR TRAVEL TO COBAR FOR MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL NSW AND WESTERN NSW, THE HON TARA MORIARTY MLC ON 28-29 SEPTEMBER 2025 (D25/44052)..... 3

2. MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 7/25 - DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 - ADVOCACY FOR ONGOING FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTRALIAN LITERACY AND NUMERACY FOUNDATION'S MUNDI MUNDI FAR WEST CHOIR AND DANCE GROUP RESIDENCY PROGRAM (D25/44061) 5

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ITEM 1MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 6/25

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COUNCILLOR TRAVEL TO COBAR FOR MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL NSW AND WESTERN NSW, THE HON TARA MORIARTY MLC ON 28-29 SEPTEMBER 2025 D25/44052

Summary

Council has previously sought meetings with the Minister for Western NSW, The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, to discuss various matters of importance to the City with the Minister. Unfortunately, due to the Minister's busy schedule, the previous meetings did not eventuate.

The Minister has tried to arrange a suitable date to meet with all Western Division Councils in Broken Hill during the beginning of September, however a majority of Councils could not make the suggested dates work. The Minister has confirmed that she will now travel to Cobar on Monday, 29 September 2025 to meet with all Western Division Councils that are able to be there.

In accordance with clause 4.10 and 4.11 of the Councillor Support Policy, a Council resolution must be sought for Councillor travel outside of the Broken Hill Local Government Area for official Council business, if the business does not relate to a Councillor's appointment to external committees. These clauses are:

4.10. Travel Arrangements and Expenses

All travel associated with Council business must be properly authorised prior to travel being undertaken. Councillors must not approve their own travel. Authorisation must be obtained in the following ways:

4.11. Authorisation

- a) All Councillors' travel must be authorised by resolution of Council, except in cases of urgency or where it relates to attendance at external committee meetings to which the Councillor has been appointed by Council. In situations of urgency, the Mayor may authorise travel which must then be endorsed at the next Council meeting;
- b) Councillors' travel arrangements must be authorised by the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor in the absence of the Mayor;
- c) In cases of exceptional circumstances, Councillor's travel arrangements may be authorised by the General Manager, or the Acting General Manager, in the absence of the General Manager;
- d) In the case of the Mayor, travel arrangements may be authorised by the General Manager or the Acting General Manager in the absence of the General Manager;
- e) Councillor who undertook travel must return the pre-loaded credit card along with receipts for out-of-pocket travel expenses as per clauses 4.4, within 7 days of the travel being completed, in order that the credit card can be reconciled.

This Mayoral Minute seeks Council's approval for myself, Councillor Algate and Councillor Chandler to travel to Cobar to meet with the Minister for Regional NSW and Western NSW, The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC to discuss various matters of importance to the City.

Recommendation

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 6/25 dated September 23, 2025, be received.
2. That Council approves that Mayor Kennedy, Councillor Algate and Councillor Chandler travel to Cobar on 28-29 September 2025 to meet with the Minister for Regional NSW and Western NSW, The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

T. KENNEDY
MAYOR

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ITEM 2MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 7/25

SUBJECT: ADVOCACY FOR ONGOING FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTRALIAN LITERACY AND NUMERACY FOUNDATION'S MUNDI MUNDI FAR WEST CHOIR AND DANCE GROUP RESIDENCY PROGRAM D25/44061

Summary

I have been approached by the Director of Programs of the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation, Ms Sarah Donnelley, seeking Council's advocacy assistance to secure ongoing funding for the Mundi Mundi Far West Choir and Dance Group Residency Program. The program was previously support by participating schools, but unfortunately, funding through the schools will no longer be available.

Mundi Mundi Far West Choir and Dance Group Residency Program Overview

The Residency Program brings together 85 Indigenous and non-Indigenous Far West students (from years 4 – 12) and 25 supporting staff from Far West schools for a four-day arts residency at the Old Silverton Courthouse motel which culminates with festival performances at the Mundi Mundi Bash each year.

The program builds literacy, cultural learning, well-being and staff professional learning through collaborative songwriting, language work, performance and from next year, dance.

Program Highlights

- Day 1 – Team building, literacy workshops through drama (with Jane from Big Sky Stories), dance workshops (with Mulyangapa artist Chantal Bates) and signing workshops (with Barkindji artist Nancy Bates).
- Day 2 – On Country learning, smoking ceremony, bush food, songwriting (with Elders and Paakintyi Language Nest).
- Day 3 – Songwriting, choreography and rehearsal workshop (with Worimi artist Cory Paulson).
- Day 4 – Mundi Mundi Bash Festival Performance of collaboratively written song in Bankindji/English, plus performances with Mundi Mundi Performing Artists.

Outcomes and Impact of the Program

- Literacy and language – songwriting links oral language, reading, writing and storytelling.

- Cultural strengthening – Elders and Paakintyi Language Nest support language revival.
- Reconciliation – program provides a shared, respectful space for Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people to learn, create and perform together building shared understanding, respect and lasting connections.
- Wellbeing and engagement – builds pride, confidence and aspirations.
- Professional learning – teachers adopt creative, culturally grounded pedagogies.

Project Leadership and Artists

- Community lead – Sandra Clark (Wilyakali)
- Partners – AECG Paakintyi Language Nest
- Artists – Nancy Bates (Barkindji), Chantal Bates (Malyangapa), Sarah Donnelley and other local artists.

Program Budget

Annual support of \$100,000 is needed to cover travel, accommodation, catering, artist and Elder fees, residency costs, materials, participant packs, choir t-shirts and festival costs (equivalent to less than \$1,000 per participant).

As the participating schools are no longer able to fund the program, the program organisers are seeking Council's advocacy and I am recommending that Mayoral correspondence be sent to the Minister for Arts and Minister for Music and Night-time Economy, The Hon John Graham MLC; the Minister for Youth, The Hon Rose Jackson MLC; the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, The Hon Stephen Kamper MP; and Local Member, Mr Roy Butler MP for ongoing funding to the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation for the continuation of the Mundi Mundi Far West Choir and Dance Group Residency Program for their cultural performances at the Mundi Mundi Bash music festivals.

Recommendation

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 7/25 dated September 23, 2025, be received.
2. That Council sends correspondence to the Minister for Arts and Minister for Music and Night-time Economy, The Hon John Graham MLC; the Minister for Youth, The Hon Rose Jackson MLC; the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, The Hon Stephen Kamper MP; and Local Member, Mr Roy Butler MP seeking ongoing funding (of \$100,000 per year) for the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation to continue the Mundi Mundi Far West Choir and Dance Group Residency Program for their cultural performances at the Mundi Mundi Bash music festivals.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

T. KENNEDY
MAYOR



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