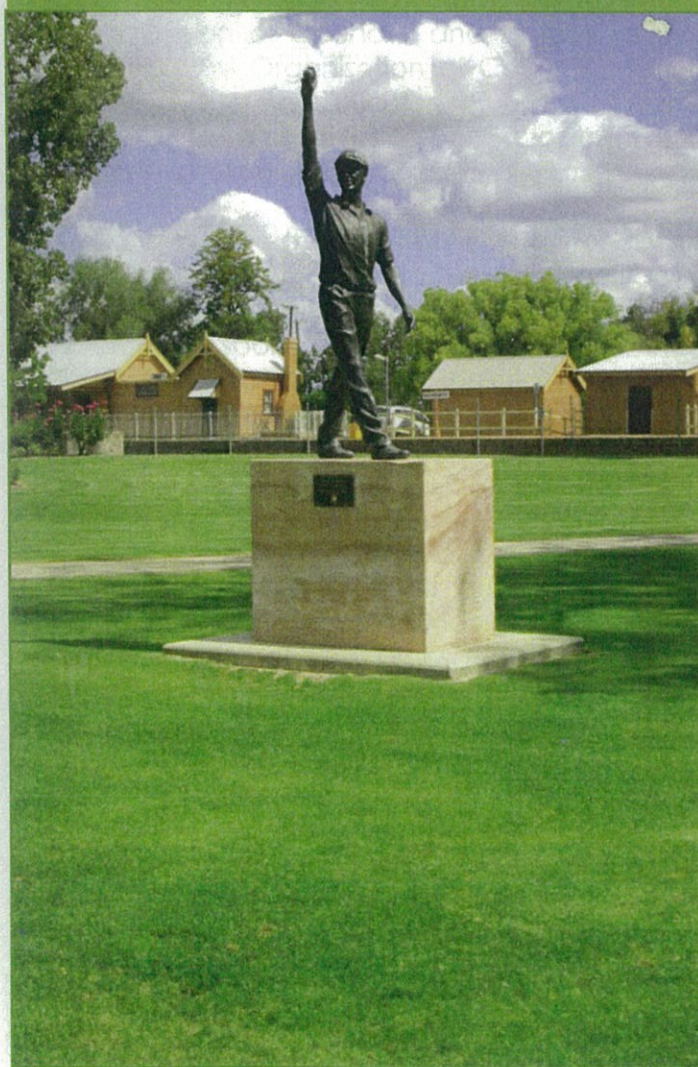




# Narromine Shire Council

## Annual Report

### 2013/2014





# General Manager's Message (Cont'd)

Consequently Council has to demonstrate to the NSW State Government that it has the "scale and capacity" to be a stand-alone Council that meets the "Fit for the Future" criteria.

Council has formed strong alliances within the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (comprising 12 other councils), the Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance (12 others), the Macquarie Regional Library (3 others), Orana Arts and Netwaste, etc. This enables Council to participate in the 'shared resources' philosophy as part of a Joint Organisation of Councils to be established and maintain a sustainable financial position sought by the State Government to ensure Council retains its independence as a 'stand-alone' Council in lieu of the possibility of being a western dormitory suburb of the proposed Dubbo Regional Council, along with Wellington Shire, to the east of Dubbo.

Investigations into the extension of the flood levee for Narromine, improving sewer and water quality security and infrastructure for the Shire's towns and villages and continuing to consult with the community in improving the roads system and upgrading recreational facilities are a few key priority area "big ticket" items in the 2014/15 budget.

During 2013/14 the majority of projects proposed to be done were achieved and those that were not completed will be carried over into the next year. Very few projects were not completed, as outlined in this Annual Report, which is a credit to the Council, senior staff and operational staff.

Council is working hard to make the difficult decisions needed to ensure it is an efficient entity to provide the services the community seek in a cost effective manner, within the available resources, and has been laying the platform for this to occur during 2013/14. Please take advantage of the opportunity to attend any one of our forums, when they are held, to seek your input on the management of assets within the Narromine Shire area and any changes to levels of service, any other matter of concern or any suggestions you may have to make our Shire more efficient and effective.

On behalf of Council and Staff, I look forward to working with the community in making this an even better Shire than it is with the finalisation of the feasibility study for possible routes of the flood levee, upgrading water and sewer infrastructure and improving our roads network, to name a few critical areas, to increase our capability to entice people and businesses to relocate to our towns and rural areas.

Greg Lamont  
**General Manager**