

Minutes of the Central NSW Board meeting 12 August 2021 via zoom

In Attendance

Cr I North	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr J Medcalf OAM	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Cr K Sajowitz	Oberon Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr R Kidd	Orange City Council
Cr B West	Cowra Shire Council	Cr K Keith OAM	Parkes Shire Council
Cr P Miller	Forbes Shire Council		

Mr D Sherley	Bathurst Regional Council	Ms R Fagan	RDACW
Ms R Ryan	Blayney Shire Council	Mr L Smart	RDACW
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council	Ms A Murphy	OLG
Mr P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Ms G Collins	Regional NSW
Mr S Loane	Forbes Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms K Barker	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms A Thomas	CNSWJO
Mr K Boyd	Parkes Shire Council	Ms C Griffin	CNSWJO
Mr G Rhodes	Central Tablelands Water	Ms V Page	CNSWJO
Cr J Jones	Cabonne Council		

Meeting opened at 9:00am

1. **Welcome**
2. **Acknowledgement to Country and Welcome from the Chair, Cr John Medcalf OAM.**
3. **Apologies applications for a leave of absence by Joint Voting representatives**
Cr M Liebich, Cr D Somerville, Mr M Chalmers, Ms K Purser

Resolved	Cr R Kidd/Cr I North
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 12 August 2021 listed above be accepted.	

4. Speakers

9.00am The Chair welcome Ms Steph Cooke, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health and Member for Cootamundra and Frances Crowley, Electorate Officer.

Follow-up

1. Ms Steph Cooke to take offline about the Maternity Services in Parkes and Forbes;
2. The region wants to see lga by lga data for vaccinations;
3. Support for Tresillian in Cowra; and
4. Seeking an update from Ms Cooke on the review of rural workforce.

9.28am Ms Steph Cooke, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health and Member for Cootamundra left the meeting

Ms R Fagan joined the meeting at 9.07am

Mr Greg Tory and Mr Garry Wallace joined the meeting at 9.13am

Cr R Kidd joined the meeting at 9.27am

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5. **Chairman's Minute – Nil**

6. **Minutes**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 3 June 2021 held in Orange.

Resolved	Cr R Kidd/Cr K Keith
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the meeting 3 June 2021 held in Orange.	

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress**

Resolved	Cr I North/Cr K Sajowitz
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested	

9.38am The Chair welcomed the Hon Paul Toole, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Member for Bathurst and Nicholas Chilton, his advisor

Follow-up

1. The Central West Orana Transport Plan is in final stages it will be aligning with the work done by DPIE.
2. Fixing local roads program Round 3 is coming soon and fixing country bridges, to be announced in October, the next round for timber bridges.
3. Regarding Blayney Demondrille, Minister will ask TfNSW to come back to update.
4. Minister seeking support from the JO and individual Councils for a duplication for Central West over the Mountains.

10.05am The Hon Paul Toole and Nicholas Chilton left the meeting,

10.05am The Chair welcomed the Hon Dr Geoff Lee, Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, Member for Parramatta and Nick Karam, his advisor.

Follow-up

Regarding training water operators, the Minister will ask Training services to focus on water training.

10.33am Hon Dr Geoff Lee, Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, Member for Parramatta and Nick Karam, his advisor left the meeting.

Cr Ken Keith left at 10.25am

10.34am The Chair welcomed The Hon. Melinda Pavey, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Member for Oxley and his advisor Mr Angus Mackie.

Follow-up

The JO Board to follow up with the Minister's and Deputy Premier's Offices for a joint media release on the importance of the Wyangala Dam project.

11.00am The Chair welcomed the Hon John Barilaro, MP Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Industry and Trade and Member for Monaro and Advisor Georgina Williams.

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c. Service Level Agreement Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr K Sajowitz
That the Board notes the report on the Services Level Agreement Report and adopt the Staff Employment and Hosting Policy.	

d. Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr K Beatty
That the Board notes the report on Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement and	
1. Adopt the heads of consideration for aggregated procurement activities, contribution to income and expenditure in budgetary and strategic considerations' reporting; and	
2. Receive the suite of BPAP documents at the November Board meeting for consideration with a view to adoption.	

e. Energy Program

Resolved	Cr K Sajowitz/Cr K Beatty
That the Board notes the report on the Energy Program and	
1. Note the advice on a regional approach for solar panels and batteries with further scoping work to be undertaken with GMAC on options in due course;	
2. Support the RACE for 2030 application on understanding and alleviating network constraints;	
3. Communicate to the EV industry that Central NSW is EV-supportive and should be highly considered in their applications under the NSW Government's funding for ultra-fast EV charging and for fast charging under the upcoming ARENA funding round; and	
4. Approve a regional grant application for destination chargers for interested member councils.	

Priority One & Four: Energy Program & Regional Water Security

f. Report on the NSW Government's Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grants Program

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr K Beatty
That the Board note the report on the NSW Government's Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grants Program and endorse the JO to work with CTW, key member Councils and identified stakeholders including Water NSW and Water Infrastructure NSW on potential co-funding for a grant application.	

Priority Two: Regional Prosperity

g. Tourism PR Visitor Economy Strategy

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr K Sajowitz
That the Board note the Tourism PR and Visitor Economy Strategy report and	
1. Adopt the priorities for the next twelve months as:	
a. Codeveloping and delivering with members a PR campaign responding to Covid including \$35K from the OLG Capacity Building Fund;	
b. Progressing options advice for members for data;	
c. Review the advocacy plan to be considered by the next Board;	
d. Scoping report on a collaborative project with DNCO on the value tourism in this region to be resourced in-house;	
e. A report on tourism infrastructure priority to the Board;	
f. Any training as requested by the Tourism Managers that can be delivered by the CNSWJO Training Service; and	
g. High level marketing campaign codeveloped with Tourism Managers providing direction to PR, Social Media and broad direction CNSWJO services; and	
2. Note the PR value from CNSWJO activities for the past twelve months was \$2.44m.	

Bathurst Regional Council left the meeting at 12.20pm

Cr Reg Kidd returned 12.22pm

h. Skills, Workforce and Housing Report

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr K Beatty
That the Board note the Skills and Workforce Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nominate the Executive Officer to be a member of the Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce;2. That the Regional Leadership Executive will be seeking a member from the Joint Organisation to be part of its Central West Orana and Far West Workforce Development Sub-Committee;3. Note the Draft Terms of Reference for the Central West Orana and Far West Workforce Development Sub-Committee4. Support the efforts by the Regional Growth and Development Corporation in seeking a dedicated resource to coordinate skills and workforce for the Special Activation Precinct; and5. Note the advice regarding potential "Grow Our Own" activities that could be undertaken to support Council workforce and receive a business case to inform JO prioritisation for the incoming Board after the election in December 2021.	

Priority Four: Regional Water Security

i. Water Update

Resolved	Cr R Kidd/Cr K Sajowitz
That the Board note the Regional Water report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. support feedback to be provided by the JO through the Executive in consultation with members and in line with Board policy on DPIE Water's Roadmap to an improved regulatory framework;2. seek advice from DPIE on innovative water security projects in NSW and their enablement; and3. seek a Joint or JO media release on the iron clad support for the Wyangala Dam Project, with the Portfolio Minister and Deputy Premier.	

9. Report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2019/2020

Resolved	Cr R Kidd/Cr P Miller
That the Board note the Report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. endorse the submissions to the<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Joint Standing Committee on road safety, response to the inquiry into mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW;2. prepare a submission to the<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Transport for NSW (Transport) on the(REF) and Concept Design for the proposed Medlow Bath Upgrade;b. DPIE on the Regional Housing Taskforce; andc. Committee on Community Services inquiry into and report on options to improve access to existing and alternate accommodation in order to help address the social housing shortage in NSW3. progress a collaborative approach to regional support for members in developing their Community Strategic Plans (CSPs) including:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. twelve month support for a regional support group of Council staff undertaking IPandR;b. advice to the next round of the CNSWO Statement of Strategic Regional Priority; andc. leveraging the Regional Leadership Executive to provide better State support to the CSP development;4. note advice on the Central West and Orana Regional Plan Review;5. note the advice on The Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program (II Program) – Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP);6. note the cost savings of \$2.2m in the 2020/2021 FY;	

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7. note the grant funding of \$736k in the 2020/2021 FY;
8. write a support letter to Steph Cooke regarding the funding for the Tresillian and Gidget Foundation Australia to open a new Regional Family Care Centre in Cowra;
9. write to the Deputy Premier thanking him and making reference to the commitment around extensions with funding deadlines; and
10. write to Minister Toole, supporting the upgrades to the GWH.

10. Confidential: Contract for Safety Compliance Training

Resolved

Cr B West/Cr K Sajowitz

That the Board:

1. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above; and
2. correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from public access.

left meeting at 12.38pm, RDACW, OLG and Mr Gavin Rhodes.

Resolved

Cr B West/ Cr S Ferguson

That the Board note the confidential report for the Contract for Safety Compliance Training and

1. Accept the tenders from, and enter into contracts with the following service providers on behalf of member councils:
 - Admire Workplace Safety
 - Allens Training
 - Allied Risk Solutions
 - Australian Training and Consulting
 - Mid-West Risk Management
 - Play Safety Training Group
 - Rojo Emergency and Safety Training
 - Sitetrain
 - Strategic Services (Local Government Training Institute)
 - Succeed Training
2. Delegate the signing of contracts to the Executive Officer; and
3. Advise all tenderers of the decision in accordance with clause 179 of the Regulation.

Resolved

Cr B West/Cr K Sajowitz

That the Board resumes open session.

11. **Late reports – Nil**
12. **Matters raised by Members -Nil**
13. **Notices of motions/Questions with notice - Nil**
14. **Speakers to next meeting**

15. **Next meeting**
GMAC – 28 October 2021
Board – 25 November 2021 – either in Canberra or via zoom with Federal Minister meetings.

Meeting close 12.54 pm

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