

**Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 12 October 2022 held in Sydney at LGNSW Board meeting**

**In Attendance**

<b>Cr R Taylor</b>	Bathurst Regional Council	<b>Cr J Medcalf OAM</b>	Lachlan Shire Council
<b>Cr K Beatty</b>	Cabonne Council	<b>Cr A McKibbin</b>	Oberon Council/UMCC
<b>Cr B West</b>	Cowra Shire Council	<b>Cr J Hamling</b>	Orange City Council
<b>Cr C Roylance</b>	Forbes Shire Council	<b>Cr K Keith OAM</b>	Parkes Shire Council

<b>Mr A Cattermole</b>	Bathurst Regional Council	<b>Mr K Boyd</b>	Parkes Shire Council
<b>Mr M Dicker</b>	Blayney Shire Council	<b>Ms N Vu</b>	Weddin Shire Council
<b>Mr B Byrnes</b>	Cabonne Council	<b>Ms R Fagan</b>	RDACW
<b>Mr P Devery</b>	Cowra Shire Council	<b>Ms O West</b>	Regional NSW
<b>Mr S Loane OAM</b>	Forbes Shire Council	<b>Ms J Bennett</b>	CNSWJO
<b>Mr G Tory</b>	Lachlan Shire Council	<b>Ms M Macpherson</b>	CNSWJO
<b>Mr G Wallace</b>	Oberon Council	<b>Ms A Thomas</b>	CNSWJO
<b>Mr D Waddell</b>	Orange City Council	<b>Ms V Page</b>	CNSWJO

Meeting opened at 12.35pm by Chair Cr Kevin Beatty

**1. Welcome from the Chair**

**2. Acknowledgement of Country**

**3. Apologies applications for a leave of absence by Joint Voting representatives**

Cr S Ferguson, Cr M Kellam, Cr P Miller, Cr C Bembrick, Cr D Somerville, Mr D Sherley, Mr B Byrnes, Mr G Rhodes, Mr W Sunderland

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Hamling/Cr B West</b>
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 12 October 2022 listed above be accepted.	

**4. Conflicts of Interest - Nil declared**

**5. Minutes**

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 26 May 2022 held in Sydney at Club York.**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr B West</b>
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 26 May 2022 held in Sydney at Club York.	

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

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Medcalf/Mr J Hamling</b>
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

Signed by: Cr Kevin Beatty  
Chair Central NSW Joint Organisation

date: 24.2.23

## 7. Reports on Statement of Regional Strategic Priority

### Priority One: Inter-Council Co-operation

#### a. Financial Report

**Resolved**

**Cr K Keith/Cr R Taylor**

That the Board note the Financial Report.

#### b. Remuneration for the Chair and or other Mayors in their capacity as Board members for the Central NSW JO

**Resolved**

**Cr J Medcalf/Cr J Hamling**

That the report on the remuneration for the Chair and or other Mayors in their capacity as Board members for the Central NSW JO be resubbed to next meeting.

#### c. Adoption of the draft Review Statement of Strategic Regional Priority for member comment

**Resolved**

**Cr R Taylor/Cr K Keith**

That the Board note the report on progress on developing the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority (SSRP) for this term of the JO; and

1. Adopt the Draft SSRP and provide to members for comment giving 30 days with an amendment adding
  - 7.4 Understanding our energy (including fuel and electricity) security, capacity and scalability;
2. Adopt the suite of associated strategies that inform the SSRP those being:
  - I. The CNSWJO Strategy to 2025
  - II. The CNSWJO Strategy Risk Management Plan
  - III. Community Strategic Plans Environmental Scan
  - IV. Local Strategic Planning Statement Environmental Scan
  - V. Report from the CNSWJO Conference
3. Note that a report regarding the JO Structure, EO Performance Review, JO Communications' Plan and all policies including mandatory policy will come to the Board meeting in November;
4. Adopt the "Regional PlaceMat" and commend members they provide representation to quality check-in meeting as part of GMAC for individual LGA PlaceMats;
5. Receive advice on an enduring subcommittee to provide advocacy and strategic support to the Chair between meetings;
6. Receive scoping advice a "Policy Lab" approach in collaboration with Charles Sturt University to growing engagement with key stakeholders including industry, peak bodies and Councillors; and
7. Confirm the small-scale solar installations figure in the regional data.

#### 1.00pm suspension of meeting

**Resolved**

**Cr J Hamling/Cr B West**

That the meeting be suspended to hear speakers.

## 8. Speakers

Mr Scott Phillips Chief Executive Local Government NSW

#### Actions:

- Scott to circulate to the Board the LGNSW submission to IPART on rate peg methodology.
- JO Board to write to follow up regarding Cr Keith's suggestion the Old Shires Association model be used with the JO Boundaries.
- JO Board to follow up with LGNSW regarding the advocacy for more cadetships with the State.

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Ms Jenny Aitchison, MP Member for Maitland Shadow Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

Mr Greg Warren, MP Member for Campbelltown Shadow Minister for Local Government, Shadow Minister for Veterans, and Shadow Minister for Western Sydney

The Hon Mick Veitch, MLC Shadow Minister for Regional NSW, Shadow Minister for Agriculture, and Shadow Minister for Western NSW

The Hon Rose Jackson, MLC Shadow Minister for Water, Housing and Homelessness

**Actions:**

- Follow up on The Hon Mick Veitch's offer to arrange a roundtable in region in November. Include Paul Scully re common planning assumptions.
- JO to coordinate a tour in the region

**3.10pm resumption of meeting**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B West/Cr R Taylor</b>
That the meeting resume.	

**d. Health and Building Surveyors Skills Shortages Working Group**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Hamling/Cr R Taylor</b>
That the Board note the Health and Building Surveyors Skills Shortages report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. adopt the Terms of Reference for the Health and Building Surveyors Skills Shortages Working Group;</li> <li>b. send a joint delegation to meet with Minister Roberts; and</li> <li>c. seek advice on insurance to enable cross Council activity.</li> </ol>	

**e. Audit Risk and Improvement in Councils Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr A McKibbin</b>
That the Board note the report from the Audit Risk and Improvement in Councils Working Group on assurance mapping and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. write to Statewide both thanking them for their advice and support to date and seeking advice and support for an affordable response to the draft OLG Guidelines on assurance mapping;</li> <li>2. advocate to the OLG that potential costs for assurance mapping are too high and to ensure that this is not mandatory; and</li> <li>3. write to all ARICs in the region providing advice on the Audit Risk and Improvement in Councils Working Group' TOR and current program welcoming any feedback.</li> </ol>	

**f. Energy Program**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Medcalf/Cr K Keith</b>
That the Board notes the report on the Energy Program and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. note the current RACE for 2030 application has been stopped due to Essential Energy's withdrawal from the project at the last moment prior to project approval, and that other options are being explored to complete the work without Essential Energy;</li> <li>2. endorse the correspondence and submission to AEMO on the region's discontent regarding unaccounted for energy where the current trajectory sees an increase in member councils' electricity bills of a total close to \$300k per year;</li> <li>3. note the AER Regulatory Proposal Process is underway, with Southern Lights Group providing significant involvement in the public lighting aspects;</li> </ol>	

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4. adopt the CNSWJO Emissions Reduction Plan: Regional Opportunities and receive advice on implementing its recommendations;
5. follow up on the LED lights roll out for Parkes; and
6. invite David Wilson, Manager Distribution Connections, Essential Energy to the next Board meeting.

**Priority Two: Regional Prosperity**

**g. Report of Regional Australia Institute event Regions Rising Canberra**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B West/Cr J Medcalf</b>
That the Board note the report on the Regions Rising event and continue to advocate in collaboration with RDA Central West for shared priorities including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. co-hosting events and familiarisations in region for Federal representatives and bureaucrats;</li> <li>2. progressing the alignment between this region and precincts commitments by the Federal Government including ongoing engagement with the National Farmers' Federation;</li> <li>3. engaging with the Regional Australia Institute in progressing these ambitions;</li> <li>4. receive a report on opportunities afforded to the region from the Rebalance the Nation Framework; and</li> <li>5. seek a time to meet with Minister Kings Office and provide advice on the Dutch Model.</li> </ol>	

**Priority Four: Regional Water Security**

**h. Water Update**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B West/Cr A McKibbin</b>
That the Board note the Regional Water report and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. endorse the submissions made through the Executive to the Town Water Risk Reduction Program (TWRRP) proposed incident and emergency management framework for local water utilities, the TWRRP Quality Assurance framework for the department's regulation and assurance of local water and the DPE Water Draft NSW Groundwater Strategy;</li> <li>2. endorse the final report on the CNSWJO Town Water Risk Reduction Program pilot to codesign a potential regional approach to local water utility strategic planning approved under the hand of the Chair; and</li> <li>3. seek to bring forward the work on Wyangala Business case.</li> </ol>	

**i. Upper Macquarie County Council (UMCC) Biosecurity Prosecution Fund Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr A McKibbin/Cr R Taylor</b>
That the Board note the report on the Biosecurity Prosecution Fund Report and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. support UMCC seeking NSW Government support for the establishment of a Biosecurity Prosecution Fund where this decision not impact any existing State funding; and</li> <li>2. include this advice to LGNSW.</li> </ol>	

**j. Report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2019/2021**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr J Medcalf</b>
That the Board note the report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority.	

9. **Support for the Housing Plus Proposal for more affordable housing in the region.**  
Jenny to send through the Confidential report to Olivia West.
10. **Regional NSW Update by Oliva West.**
  - Will be developing a quarterly update of Liveability in Region and seeking support from Councils on data.
  - RLE will hold a workshop on regional development/liveability meet biannually

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- 27 October Chris Hanger Deputy Secretary to attend GMAC
- There will be regional NSW tours with senior bureaucrats
- REDS – make sure your comments are captured
- Stay on top of funding deeds in the lead up to the election

**11. Late Reports – Nil**

**12. Matters raised by Members**

Cr Keith is on the NSW Advisory Health Committee- if anyone has any thoughts please contact him.

**13. Speakers to next meeting**

- Essential Energy - Mr David Wilson
- IPART Workshop
- With support of MLC Mick Veitch - Shadows Round Table end of November/early December

**14. Next meeting**

**GMAC – 27 October 2022 – Orange**

**Board – 24 November 2022 – Forbes**

**Meeting closed 4.40pm**

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