

Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 23 August 2023 held in Sydney

In Attendance*

Cr R Taylor	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr M Statham	Lithgow City Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Cr M Kellam	Oberon Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr K Keith OAM	Parkes Shire Council
Cr B West	Cowra Shire Council	Cr P Best	Weddin Shire Council
Cr P Miller OAM	Forbes Shire Council		

Mr D Sherley	Bathurst Regional Council	Mr G Rhodes	CTW
Mr M Dicker	Blayney Shire Council	Cr A McGibbon	UMCC
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council	Mr S Bowman	RDACW
Mr P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Ms O West	Regional NSW
Mr S Loane OAM	Forbes Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr C Butler	Lithgow City Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms C Griffin	CNSWJO
Mr K Boyd PSM	Parkes Shire Council	Ms V Page	CNSWJO
Ms N Vu	Weddin Shire Council		

*Voting members in bold

Meeting opened at 12.39 pm by Chair Cr Kevin Beatty

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgment to Country: Gadigal (Sydney)

2. Welcome from the Chair Cr Kevin Beatty

Acknowledged our two Board members who are not standing for Mayor in September Cr Ken Keith and Cr Bill West both for their communities and as regional advocates.

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

Cr J Medcalf, Cr C Bembrick, Cr J Hamling, Mr B Byrnes, Mr G Tory, Mr G Wallace, Cr D Somerville, Cr R Fagan and Mr T Johnson.

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr R Taylor
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 23 August 2023 listed above be accepted.	

4. Conflicts of Interest

Resolved	Cr R Taylor/Cr M Kellam
Nil declared	

5. Speakers

- a. **Mr Brett Whitworth Deputy Secretary, Local Government, Department of Planning and Environment**

Ms O West arrived at 12.44pm

Cr P Miller left the meeting at 1.00pm

- b. **Cr Darriea Turley AM, President of Local Government NSW gave an update in attendance and was Acting Chief Officer Damien Thomas.**

Cr B West, Cr S Ferguson, Mr P Devery and Mr M Dicker arrived at 1.18pm

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6. Minutes

Confirmation of the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 24 May 2023 held in Canberra

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr B West
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 24 May 2023 held in Canberra	

7. Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr P Best/Cr R Taylor
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

8. Reports on Statement of Regional Strategic Priority

Priority One: Inter-Council Co-operation

a. Financial Report

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/ Cr S Ferguson
That the Board note the Financial Report.	

b. Compliance Report

Resolved	Cr S Ferguson/Cr R Taylor
That the Board note the Compliance Report	

Mr Whitworth, Cr M Statham and Mr C Butler left at 1.30pm

c. The CNSWJO Governance and Advocacy Report

Resolved	Cr P Best/Cr M Kellam
<p>That the Board note the CNSWJO Governance Advocacy Report and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the Advocacy Subcommittee update; 2. note the advice from the Health and Aging Portfolio Mayors' Subcommittee; 3. adopt the MoU the Rural Doctor's Network; 4. adopt the Plan on a Page for the Planners' Group; 5. adopt the Terms of Reference for the Spare Capacity in Housing Project; 6. circulate the Plan on a Page for the Spare Capacity in Housing Project for adoption through the Chair; 7. endorse the submission to IPART on the council rating methodology; 8. endorse the submission on the monitoring the NSW Biodiversity Credits Markets – IPART; 9. endorse the Response on the Biodiversity Assessment Method review, Department of Planning and Environment; 10. adopt the Current and Historic Population Projections for Local Government Areas in the Central NSW Joint Organisation; 11. lodge a submission to the Inquiry into the Implementation of Recommendations Relating to Workforce Issues, Workplace Culture and Funding Considerations for Remote, Rural and Regional Health within existing policy; 12. lodge a submission to the Draft Community Engagement Rules for Major Transmission Projects within existing policy; 13. note that a date is being sought for a meeting in Hawkesbury to progress a policy position on a safe, swift and secure link between Central NSW and Sydney; 14. update the Transport Advocacy Plan to support; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Bathurst Bullet being extended to Orange, including Opal Card ticketing; b. a morning day-return service from Dubbo to Sydney via Orange using Bullet 2 pathway and timetable; 	

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- c. Staged Faster Rail track upgrades to reduce travel time from Orange and Dubbo; and
 - d. Split the faster passenger rail at Orange to go to Parkes and Dubbo; and
15. for the two days of meetings that are concurrent with parliamentary visits, the Board meeting be held on the Friday;
16. invite interested Mayors to the next Advocacy Mayor's Subcommittee meeting to progress priority on the Safe Swift and Secure Link between Sydney and Central NSW where this is to include discussion on a freight study and rail as a potential priority.

d. Regional Procurement and Contracts

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr R Taylor
That the Board notes the report on the Regional Procurement and Contract Management Report and that it:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the procurement activities that have occurred between Board meetings; and 2. approve the additional procurement processes added to the CNSWJO regional procurement plan for 2023/2024. 	

e. Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (DRRF) Program report

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr R Taylor
That the Board note the Disaster Risk Reduction Program report and:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the approval by NSW Reconstruction Authority of the extension of Milestone 2 from 30 September to 11 November 2023, with the ultimate project deadline of 30 June 2024 remaining the same; 2. note the approval by NSW Reconstruction Authority of the collaborative variation under the Regional Resilience Program to allocate an additional spend of \$4,000 from Central NSW Joint Organisation for the Regional Resilience Program Monitoring and Evaluation plan, led by Canberra Region Joint Organisation; 3. recommend to councils they consider entering into new data sharing agreements with Spatial Services; and 4. endorse the submission for the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding reviewed by the Central NSW Joint Organisation Transport Technical Committee. 	

Priority Two: Regional Prosperity through better Infrastructure and Services

f. "Come Out, We're Open" – Post Campaign Report

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr P Best
That the Board note the "Come Out, We're Open" – Post Campaign Report.	

Priority Five: Transport and Infrastructure

g. Transport Advocacy

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr M Kellam
That the Board note the Transport report and note:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the alignment of work with the CNSWJO Disaster Risk Reduction Fund's transport vulnerability assessment; 2. progress for the "Fix Me" project; and 3. the legal advice received from Marsdens Law Group regarding the Master Access Deeds and Road Rail Interface Agreement. 	

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Priority Six: Regional Water Security and Productive Water**h. Regional Water Report**

Resolved	Cr P Best/Cr R Taylor
That the Board note the Regional Water Security and Productive Water report and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. endorse the submission made under the hand of the executive to the Productivity Commission's Murray Darling Basin Plan Independent Review; and 2. advocate now that the Regional Water Strategies are near release for the Wyangala Business case and assessment to be released; and 3. support the pamphlet developed for the Minister of Water in principle with changes to be made based on feedback from members. 	

Cr P Miller returned at 3.04pm

Priority Seven: Transition to a sustainable, secure and affordable energy future**i. Energy Report**

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr S Ferguson
That the Board note the Energy Report and; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the progress of the Business Case on the Nexus Between Energy Security and Emissions Reduction; 2. endorse the Project Plan for the Business Case on the Nexus Between Energy Security and Emissions Reduction; and 3. endorse the application to ARENA for the Community Battery Program. 	

9. Quarterly review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022 -2025

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr R Taylor
That the Board note the Quarterly review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022 –2025.	

10. Late reports – Nil**11. Matters raised by Members**

UMCC – Concerns there may be funding cuts to DPI and the effects on weeds management.

12. Passing of Former Deputy Mayor of Cabonne, Kevin Walker

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr P Best
That the Board send a letter of condolences to the Walker family.	

13. Speakers to the next meeting.

The Premier and the Minister for Water were requested as part of the parliamentary visit.

14. Next meetings:

GMAC: 26 October – Forbes

Board: 23 November – With support from the Member for Orange, Mr Phil Donato MP and Member for Barwon, Mr Roy Butler MP the meeting be held in Sydney including a dinner at Parliament House. Details to be circulated as soon as possible.

Meeting closed 3.25pm

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