

Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 27 August 2020 held In Cowra

Attendees, voting members in bold.

Cr B Bourke	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr J Medcalf	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Cr K Sajowitz	Oberon Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr K Keith	Parkes Shire Council
Cr B West	Cowra Shire Council	Cr M Liebich	Weddin Shire Council
Cr P Miller	Forbes Shire Council		

Mr D Sherley	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr D Somerville	Central Tablelands Water
Ms R Ryan	Blayney Shire Council	Mr G Rhodes	Central Tablelands Water
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council	Mr S Harma *	RDA CW
Mr P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Mr P Evans *	OLG
Mr S Loane	Forbes Shire Council	Mr A Albury	Regional NSW
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	Central NSW JO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms M Macpherson	Central NSW JO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms C Griffin	Central NSW JO
Mr G Carroll *	Weddin Shire Council	Ms V Page	Central NSW JO

*attended via zoom

1. **Welcome by Chair Cr John Medcalf**
2. **Acknowledgement to Country and welcome by host Council Cr Bill West**
3. **Pre meeting speakers on productive water and summary advice**

a. NSW Water Directorate

Mr Brendan Guiney, Executive Officer

Brendan provided an update on the role of the Water Directorate and the current operating environment for Local Government Local Water Utilities

b. Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Water

Mr Michael Scotland, Ms Stef Schulte and Mr Nathan Taylor

Provided an update, this team have been working with the region to develop the Regional Water Strategies for the Lachlan and Macquarie catchments. These strategies are a major step forward for long-term water planning across our region and present great opportunities for future collaboration with the JO.

c. Murray Darling Association Inc. (MDA)

Phyllis Miller, Chair of Region 10

Emma Bradbury Chief Executive Officer

Updated the Board on work of the MDA including their new Strategic Plan and on the MDAs Region 10, Chaired by Cr Phyllis Miller.

Members were asked to note the MDA National Conference 14-16 September

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d. Water NSW

Mr David Hogan, Alex Fisher, Stephen Negus and Alice Jarret presented on the Wyangala Dam Raising Project

e. Ms Steph Cooke MP, Member for Cootamundra accompanied by staff member Kimberley Cavanagh

- I. Mayors suggested they were happy to provide media support for a Tresillian residential service at the new Cowra Hospital, which would be the state's only inland in-patient facility based outside a metropolitan area.
- II. Will follow up on the Valuer General land valuation issue and Water Licences.
- III. Will follow up on the status of Regional Show Societies receiving compensation, given they were unable to host the annual show due to Covid.
- IV. Will follow up on the IPART recommendation #37 around mining rates.
- V. Will continue to follow up on the Blayney – Demondrille Final report and Executive Summary.

Board Meeting formally opened at 12.40pm

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

Cr R Kidd, Mr K Boyd, Ms C Weston,

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr B Bourke
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 27 August 2020 listed above be accepted.	

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 4 June 2020 via Zoom

Resolved	Cr K Keith/ Cr B Bourke
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the meeting 4 June 2020 held via zoom	

6. Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr K Beatty/Cr M Liebich
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

7. Reports to Statement of Regional Strategic Priority

Priority One - Inter-council cooperation

a. Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement

Resolved	Cr B Bourke/Cr K Keith
That Board notes the report on Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. delegates the approval of the engagement of the successful provider of the selective RFQ process for BPAP to the Chair and the Sponsoring General Managers of the CNSWJO Inter Council Cooperation priority;2. delegates the execution of the contract for BPAP Stages 2 to 6 to the Executive Officer; and3. approve the use of the Inter-Council Cooperation Reserve to supplement the OLG funding if required	

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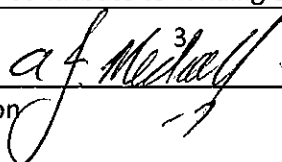
b. Regional Procurement and Contract Management Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller/ Cr S Ferguson
That the Board note the Regional Procurement and Contract Management Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. approve a procurement process for the supply and delivery of bitumen emulsion to be conducted on behalf of member councils, noting the inclusion of a 0.5% contract management fee payable to CNSWJO and that contracts be directly between participating councils and the successful provider/s;2. approve a procurement process for WHS compliance training to be conducted on behalf of member councils, noting the inclusion of a 5% management fee payable to CNSWJO and that the contract be held between the JO and the successful provider/s;3. approve the extension and variation of the pipe relining contract with Interflow for a period of 12 months;4. approve the extension of the CCTV for sewer and stormwater contracts with Interflow, Total Drain Cleaning and Toxfree for a period of 12 months;5. approve the linemarking services contracts with Avante Linemarking, Central West Linemarking, Complete Linemarking, Oz Linemarking and Red Squirrel for a period of 12 months; and6. note the inclusion of the EV Infrastructure Mapping project as part of the existing contract with Everergi with the contract being extended until 31 March 2021 as per the agreed project plan.	

c. Report from the NSW JO Chairs' Forum

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr K Beatty
That the Board note the report from the Joint Organisation (JO) Chairs' Forum and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. endorse a submission to the Inquiry into the integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs;2. note that CNSWJO will form part of a delegation of JOs seeking to progress better outcomes from the funding framework for Council provision of urban water;3. consider advice in the JO Sustainability Toolkit in the refresh of CNSWJO strategy;4. seek a report from GMAC on the potential for the Joint Organisation to leverage its role to deliver value to members on waste;5. regarding (4) above ensure consultation is undertaken with key stakeholders including Netwaste;6. The Board write to the Minister for Local Government seeking to progress the JO review and suggesting the Terms of Reference be as follows:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Specifically addressing the provisions under the Local Government Act constituting Joint Organisations, the review is to consider:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. What is working including achievements of the various JOs over the past two years and why?b. What is not working and why?c. Specific commentary with regard to the \$150K Capacity Building Program for JOs;d. What does JO network success look like?e. What are the barriers to getting results?f. What are the enablers? andg. Recommendations7. amend existing policy for the CNSWJO regarding the funding framework to include the following key messages:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. JOs were established to provide a systematic approach to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. local government collaboration at a regional scale;ii. intergovernmental collaboration between state and local government at a regional scale;b. the benefits of JOs are shared between state and local government;c. currently, JOs are funded by local government only;d. the JO network is not financially sustainable on local government funding alone;e. the State can and should contribute to funding of JOs through:	

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- i. base funding – in recognition of the shared systemic benefit derived by state and local government through the existence of JOs
- ii. systemic and systematic state agency funding – specifically in recognition of the experience of key portfolios where there has been an enhanced return on state funding for regional outcomes when working with JOs (as compared with alternative delivery options); and
- 8. advocate to the Deputy Premier, the Hon John Barilaro and others for the Regional Development portfolio to have a formal policy role in the oversight and engagement of Joint Organisations;
- 9. the advice in the JO Sustainability Toolkit endorsed by the Forum be used to inform the review of the JO strategy in 2021;
- 10. endorse the JO Chair forum as it focusses on JO sustainability and seeks secondment from the Office of Local Government to lead and support the intergovernmental collaboration arrangements between JOs and the State Government; and
- 11. provide advice on the above resolve to the JO Chairs' Forum.

d. Codesigned Regional Leadership Executive and Central NSW Joint Organisation Consultation Policy

Resolved	Cr B Bourke/Cr K Keith
That the Board note the Codesigned Regional Leadership Executive and Central NSW Joint Organisation Consultation Policy report and	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. adopt the codesigned Regional Leadership Executive and Central NSW Joint Organisation Consultation Policy; 2. thank Mr A Albury for his support in co-authoring this document; 3. provide a copy to the Water Directorate; and 4. write to Local Government NSW seeking to reinstate the Water Policy Committee. 	

e. Financial Report

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr B West
That the Board note the Financial Report and gives permission for the audited accounts to be signed under the auspices of the Secretary Treasurer if the final result after audit does not differ greatly from the figures presented in this report and taking into account the consolidation of the final accounts for Centroc.	

f. Energy report

Resolved	Cr B Bourke/Cr M Liebich
That the Board notes the report on Energy Programming.	

Priority Two: Regional Prosperity

g. Central West Orana – Statement of Outcomes 2019-2020 and planning for Statement of Intent 2020-2022

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr K Beatty
That the Central NSW JO Board note the report on the Central West Orana – Statement of Outcomes 2019-2020 and planning for Statement of Intent 2020-2021 and	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. seek to have the following included in the Statement of Intent 2020-2022: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Two Joint Organisations are proclaimed in the Central West Orana Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central NSW JO - Orana JO 	

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The RLE recognises the value of the Central West and Orana Regional Plan model and

1. Seeks to have the Central West and Orana Plan recognised as the overarching strategic document for Central NSW
 2. Ensures that members of the RLE will engage in the review of the Central West and Orana Plan
 3. Supports the CNSWJO's efforts in seeking ongoing formal intergovernmental collaborative arrangements under the Regional Water Strategies to monitor and deliver their implementation;
 4. Recognised the value of the Regional Integrated Transport Group in its strategic work and its potential for implementation and supports resourcing of its continuation; and
 5. Supports the Regional Prosperity Subcommittee of both the RLE and the Central NSW JO with associated Terms of Reference.
 - o Development of a workforce strategy to attract skilled workers to employment within the Parkes Special Activation Precinct and the broader context,
 - o Scoping advice to Local Government on the practicability of State agency engagement in the Community Strategic Planning Process, and
2. invite the Orange Rail Active Group to speak to the Board meeting.

h. Scoping Report of a regional promotion campaign

Resolved

Cr B West/Cr B Bourke

That the Board notes the report on scoping advice of a regional promotion campaign and collaborate with RDA Central West and other stakeholders on an options paper showing the benefits and costs of

1. A significant promotion campaign over 5 years similar to that of Evocities;
2. tailored approach working with the Regional Australia Institute or other similar entities; and
3. A rework of the Beyond the Range site with associated marketing.

i. Health – Central NSW Joint Organisation medical scholarships.

Resolved

Cr B West/ Cr B Bourke

That the Board note the report regarding the Central NSW Joint Organisation medical scholarships, and agree to

1. award all three scholarships in 2021;
2. the scholarships being assessed at the direction of CSU;
3. note the following selection criteria;
 - a. applicants must be from the 10 CNSWJO Member Councils;
 - b. their HSC examinations and/or most recent academic records and references;
 - c. a supporting essay outlining;
 - I. Reasons for undertaking the medical degree;
 - II. Commitment to practicing in Central NSW; and
4. hold an event at CSU Orange to meet the students in due course.

Priority Four: Water Update

j. Water update


Resolved

Cr B West/ Cr K Sajowitz

That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Regional Water Update and;

1. adopt the response to the Marsden Jacob report on Regional water value functions valuing different hydrological outcomes under Regional Water Strategies;
2. endorse the development through the Executive of a submission to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into National Water Policy;
3. seek feedback from members on correspondence to the Legislative Assembly of NSW Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development providing comment on recommendations relating to town water supplies in the interim report into support for drought affected communities in New South Wales;

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4. through the Regional Water Committee, receive scoping advice on the development of a Productive Water Position Paper and that this take into consideration specific feedback from members on water security issues impacting on their towns; and
5. note the Murray Darling Association Strategic Plan; and
 - a. encourage members to join region 10;
 - b. seek that the area covered by region 10 be reduced;
 - c. endorse the CNSWJO working with the MDA in the future and
 - d. commend to members they attend the MDA Virtual Conference 14-16 September.
6. seek feedback from member's Local Water Utilities on the State Water Strategy within existing policy, particularly on the need for ongoing governance and structural arrangements to ensure Local Government is included and remain at the table during implementation.
7. seek feedback from member's Local Water Utilities on submissions, within existing policy, to
 - a. the NSW Productivity Commission inquiry; and
 - b. the Legislative Assembly of NSW Committee's inquiry into the Rational for and impacts of new dams and other water infrastructure in NSW and encourage members to make separate submissions.
8. advocate on behalf of members on the impacts of the rating and irrigation issues.
9. recognise the water security challenges for Oberon and seek to support them as a Board priority.

k. CNSWJO Executive Officer Proforma Performance Review Report for feedback

Resolved	Cr S Ferguson/Cr K Keith
That the Board note the report regarding the performance management of the Executive Officer and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. adopt the CNSWJO Executive Officer performance review proforma; and 2. extend of the term of the CNSWJO Executive Officer Performance Review Committee until the Local Government election in September 2021. 	

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

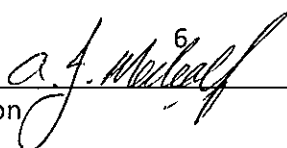
Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr B West
That the Board note the Report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note that advice on value to members for the financial year 19/20 will be finalised for members to be provided via Mayors in lieu of an annual report; 2. through the Chair lodge a Regional Submission supporting member Councils on any cross border LGAs for the NSW Road Classification Review Reclassification or Transfer; 3. delegate the approval of the engagement of the successful provider of the RFQ for the Tourism Strategy Refresh to the Chair and the Sponsoring General Managers of the CNSWJO Inter Council Cooperation priority; and 4. delegate the execution of the contract for the Tourism Strategy Refresh to the Executive Officer. 	

1.43pm – Cabonne representatives left the meeting.

m. Report to the review of the JO Strategic Plan

Resolved	Cr K Sajowitz/Cr M Liebich
That the Board note the Report on the Programming until November 2021 that extends the life of CNSWJO Strategic Plan and amends the actions as follows:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the extension of some time frames, for example for the Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement Program, the EV Infrastructure Mapping project and TfNSW Transport planning in region; 	

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2. the replacement of various compliance activities with a compliance calendar to be reported on every November;
3. the inclusion of new regional working groups and teams where required for example RDOCS to support the Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement, the Training, Learning and Development Working Group and the WHS Group who are progressing the online induction project; and
4. the need for review of some programming given the emergence of challenges for intergovernmental collaboration e.g. with training in the water space.

8. Late reports - Nil

9. Matters raised by members

Members provided feedback on Productive Water and these were included in the Water report.

Supplementary Motion

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr B Bourke
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That the Board write to LGNSW seeking their policy position on universal postal voting and pre-poll and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. provide this to members; and 2. Seek advice from members on their position on universal postal voting and pre-poll matters. 	
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10. Speakers to the next meeting

- Orange Rail Action Group (ORAG)
- The Hon Paul Toole, MP for Bathurst, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

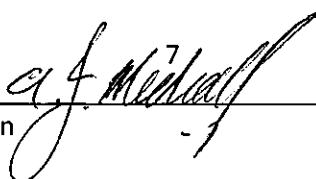
11. The next meeting dates are

GMAC – 22 October - Blayney
Board – 26 November - Bathurst

Meeting closed at 1.57pm

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