

Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 27 February 2020 held at Grenfell

Attendees, voting members in bold.

1. Opening meeting 10.05am

<b>Cr B Bourke</b>	Bathurst Regional Council	<b>Cr J Medcalf</b>	Lachlan Shire Council
<b>Cr A Ewin</b>	Blayney Shire Council	<b>Cr K Sajowitz</b>	Oberon Council
<b>Cr K Beatty</b>	Cabonne Council	<b>Cr R Kidd</b>	Orange City Council
<b>Cr B West</b>	Cowra Shire Council	<b>Cr K Keith</b>	Parkes Shire Council
<b>Cr P Miller</b>	Forbes Shire Council	<b>Cr M Liebich</b>	Weddin Shire Council

Mr A Cattermole	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr D Somerville	Central Tablelands Water
Ms R Ryan	Blayney Shire Council	Cr C Brown	Weddin Shire Council
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council	Mr P Evans	OLG
Ms K Alberry	Cowra Shire Council	Mr S Harma	RDA CW
Mr S Loane	Forbes Shire Council	Mr A Albury	DPC
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms J Bennett	Central NSW JO
Mr G Carroll	Weddin Shire Council	Ms K Barker	Central NSW JO
Mr G Rhodes	Central Tablelands Water		

2. Acknowledgement to Country by Chair

3. Welcome to Weddin – By Cr Liebich.

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

Cr S Ferguson, Mr D Sherley, Mr P Devery, Mr G Tory, Mr K Boyd, Mr D Waddell, Ms C Weston.

**Resolved** **Cr R Kidd/Cr B West**

That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 27 February 2020 listed above be accepted.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 27 November 2019 in Canberra

**Resolved** **Cr R Kidd/Cr K Keith**

That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the meeting 27 November 2019 held in Canberra.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress

**Resolved** **Cr R Kidd/Cr B Bourke**

That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.

10.22am - Cr P Miller and Mr S Loane arrived

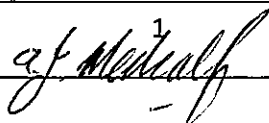
7. Chairman's Minute

**Resolved** **Cr M Liebich/Cr B Bourke**

That the Board adopt the Chairperson's Minute on the advocacy approach for 2020 and

1. Adopt the over focus for the years to align with the Federal vision to grow the agricultural sector to \$100bn by 2030;
2. Note that this includes two priority areas of activity – these being:
  1. Watering the West
    - i. leveraging raising the wall at Wyangala and
    - ii. assuring urban water security in the CNSW region; and

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2. Freight links
3. Adopt the priorities for inter-council cooperation as:
  1. Reporting value to members of the operational support program; and
  2. Supporting the sustainability of the broader JO network;
4. Adopt the priorities for regional prosperity as:
  1. Progressing support for the visitor economy; and
  2. Developing and monitoring the progress of the Regional Prosperity Subcommittee noting the agricultural focus;
5. Adopt the changes to the Board calendar as follows:
  1. 3 June Board meeting in Penrith and 4 June meeting with State representatives at Macquarie Street, Sydney including launch of the Central West NSW Food and Fibre Strategy;
  2. August Board meetings in Canberra at a venue TBA; and
  3. The November meeting be part of a Summit, again retaining the agricultural focus;
6. Encourage members to form or activate friendship agreements with Councils in Western Sydney; and
7. Seek feedback from members to inform policy with regard to a regional response to Climate Change.

**8. Reports to Statement of Regional Strategic Priority**

**Priority One: Inter-council Co-operation**

**a. Procurement Report (Priority 1.1a)**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr K Boyd</b>
<b>That the Board note the Procurement Report and</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approve the 12-month extension of the coldmix asphalt contract (S3_2018) with Boral Asphalt and Civil Independence until 31 May 2021;</li> <li>2. approve the 12-month extension of the compliance training contract (WHS1_2015) with Allens Training, ATAC, Mines Rescue and TAFE until 31 March 2021;</li> <li>3. approve the 6-month extension of the Asset Management Maturity Audit contract with University of Technology, Sydney; and</li> <li>4. approve a procurement process for the revaluation of water and sewer assets, including a 5% contract management fee payable to CNSWJO.</li> </ol>	

**b. Administration Update (Priority 1.2)**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr B West</b>
That the Board note the timeline for the implementation of the JO and adopt the logo.	

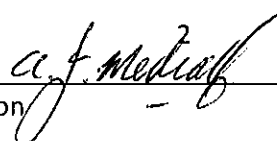
**c. Energy Programming Report (Priority 1.3)**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr K Keith</b>
<b>That the Board note the Energy Programming Report and</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. note the progress of the Southern Lights rollouts in Bathurst and Orange;</li> <li>2. note the cost savings to members of \$2.9m over 3 years achieved through the procurement process for the supply of electricity for large market and small market sites; and</li> <li>3. GMAC give consideration to the renewable energy advice from Mr David West.</li> </ol>	

**d. Report on JO Chairs Forum progress including feedback to the Minister on JO sustainability (Priority 1.4a)**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr K Keith</b>
<b>That the Board note the feedback to the Minister for Local Government's Joint Organisation (JO) Advisory Committee (the Committee) and</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recognises the serious risk of JO network failure due to sustainability;</li> </ol>	

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2. Endorses the advice provided to the Minister for Local Government's Advisory Committee;
3. Commends to the Chairs of JOs Forum that the focus of effort for JO sustainability be working, through the Minister's Office, with State agencies on a funding framework that offers value to both JO members and the State where the value to the State is recognised by remuneration;
4. Reiterates its position that JOs should not be a fourth tier of government;
5. Notes that taking on a compliance burden has significant risks to JOs and is not supported;
6. Adopt the definition of Financial Sustainability for Joint Organisations as "A Joint Organisation will be financially sustainable over the long term when it is able to generate sufficient funds and deliver on the Strategic Regional Priorities agreed with its members and stakeholders";
7. Approves an amendment to the JO Chairs' Forum's Terms of Reference to allow for the election of a Chair and Deputy Chair for a period of 12 months; and
8. Provides feedback regarding the above to the Chairs of Joint Organisation Forum.

**Priority Three: Regional Transport and Infrastructure**

**e. Regional Transport Advocacy Policy, Prioritisation and Freight Links Mapping.**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr B West</b>
That the Board note the Transport and Infrastructure Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. commend to members they provide feedback on the Central West and Orana Future Transport Regional Plan (the Plan);</li> <li>2. provide the feedback to the Plan as described in the report;</li> <li>3. endorse the Lithgow to Katoomba Corridor submission;</li> <li>4. invite the independent panel for Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review to meet with the JO;</li> <li>5. endorse the CNSWJO response to the Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review Terms of Reference;</li> <li>6. adopt the Terms of Reference for the Regional Strategic Transport Group; and</li> <li>7. thank respective Ministers for their support for the \$2.5b upgrade to the Great Western Highway and prepare a media release.</li> </ol>	

**Priority Four: Regional Water**

**f. Regional Water Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr P Miller/Cr B Bourke</b>
That the Board note the Regional Water Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seek advice from DPIE Water on project status and what the issues are holding up emergency water projects;</li> <li>2. Develop advocacy material identifying the problems and solutions in assuring urban water supply during the unprecedented drought;</li> <li>3. Advocate to the Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister for Water and respective agencies providing advice on the challenges and solutions for this region in securing water; and</li> <li>4. Note the Infrastructure Priority List 2020 and invite the Regional Water Innovation team to the June Board Meeting.</li> </ol>	

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

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr M Liebich</b>
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"> <li>1. thank the Minister for Local Government regarding the \$150K funding for CNSWJO;</li> <li>2. adopt the Equal Opportunity Management Plan;</li> <li>3. note the changes to the Risk Management Plan reflecting the ongoing challenges for Joint Organisations given the increased regulatory burden and resourcing implications; and</li> </ol>	

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4. approve the Alliance between SafeWork NSW and the Central NSW Joint Organisation WHS Group for 2020 – 2022.

**10. Financial Report**

**Resolved**

**Cr B Bourke/Cr B West**

That the Board note the Financial Report.

12.00pm - Mr G Rhodes and Mr B Byrnes left the meeting.

**11. Matters raised by members – Blayney Demondrille Line**

**Resolved**

**Cr B West/Cr M Liebich**

That the Board seek advice as to when the report on the Blayney to Demondrille line will be released.

The matter raised by Forbes on the Murray Darling Irrigation Desalination Proposal was moved to Confidential report

12.09pm

**Resolved**

**Cr R Kidd/Cr B Bourke**

That the meeting close to the public for confidential matters.

**12. Confidential Report**

**a. Energy Savings Certificates for Streetlighting**

**Resolved**

**Cr R Kidd/Cr P Miller**

That the Board note the confidential report on energy savings certificates for streetlighting and recommend that councils individually write to Essential Energy and National Carbon Bank of Australia (NCBA) and request that the ESCs for street lighting be created through the Essential Energy agreement.

12.11pm

**Resolved**

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That the meeting open to the public.

**b. Murray Darling Irrigation Desalination Proposal**

**Resolved**

**Cr P Miller/Cr R Kidd**

That the Board Note the advice from Forbes and include the option of linking desalinated water into considerations of priority for future water security for the region.

13. Late reports – Nil

14. Speakers to the next meeting

a. Penrith City Council, Water Innovation and Various Ministers

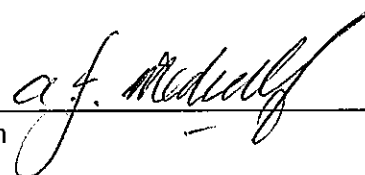
b. Infrastructure Australia, Infrastructure Priority List 2020

15. The next meeting dates are Wednesday 3 June in Penrith and Thursday 4 June in Sydney.

16. Conclusion of the meeting - Meeting closed at 12.11pm

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