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In Attendance***

Cr D Somerville	Blayney Shire Council	Cr J Medcalf OAM	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr M Kellam	Oberon Council
Cr B West	Cowra Shire Council	Cr K Keith OAM	Parkes Shire Council
Cr P Miller OAM	Forbes Shire Council	Cr C Bembrick	Weddin Shire Council

Mr D Sherley	Bathurst Regional Council	Mr A McKibbon	UMCC
Mr M Dicker	Blayney Shire Council	Cr M Statham	Lithgow City Council
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council	Mr C Butler	Lithgow City Council
Mr P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Ms T Robinson	RDACW
Mr S Loane OAM	Forbes Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms A Thomas	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms K Barker	CNSWJO
Ms N Vu	Weddin Shire Council	Ms J Webber	CNSWJO
Mr G Rhodes	CTW	Ms V Page	CNSWJO
Cr C Roylance	Forbes Shire Council		

*Voting members in bold

Meeting opened at 10.07am by Chair Cr Kevin Beatty

1. Acknowledgement of Country

"I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, the Wiradjuri people, and pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging."

2. Welcome

Welcome to Forbes by Cr P Miller

The Chair welcomed Lithgow representatives to the meeting

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

Cr Ferguson, Cr J Hamling, Mr K Boyd, Cr R Fagan, Mr W Sunderland, Cr R Taylor, Mr T Johnston and Ms O West

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr K Keith
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 23 February 2023 listed above be accepted.	

4. Conflicts of Interest -

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr J Medcalf
Nil declared	

5. Speakers

Mr Richard Colbran, CEO NSW Rural Doctors' Network and Chair of the Ministers' Health Advisory Committee

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Actions

- a. Follow up will be undertaken by the Executive Officer regarding advocacy and data
- b. Focus of immediate advocacy around the disparity of support for rural first year medical student blocks in Sydney

Kate Barker and Jenny Webber arrived at 10.15am
Richard Colbran left at 11.00am

6. Minutes**Confirmation of the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 24 November 2022 held online**

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr M Kellam
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 24 November 2022 held online	

7. Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr C Bembrick
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. Compliance Report**

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board note the Compliance Report.	

b. Budget considerations 2023/2024 and revision of the CNSWJO Charter

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr P Miller
That the Board:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the draft Statement of Budget and Revenue and place it on exhibition for 30 days; 2. Note that the budget for the next financial year includes a fee rise of 3.7% and a small profit for the year of \$2,072; 3. Adopt the revised CNSWJO Charter with the following changes highlighted in yellow for member feedback: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.2 Associate Members <i>The following organisations are Associate Members of the Organisation as at February 2023: Central Tablelands County Council; Upper Macquarie County Council; and Lithgow City Council.</i> 4.2 Non-Voting Representatives iv. the Mayor of Lithgow City Council v. the Chair of Upper Macquarie County Council the General Managers of Member Councils [and of Central Tablelands County Council, Upper Macquarie Country Council and Lithgow City Council ... 4.7 Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson ... <i>Remuneration for the Chair of the Central NSW Joint Organisation is \$10,000 per annum and will increase in line with CPI and be paid quarterly in advance subsequent to Board meetings.</i> 	

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4. Provide advice in the Mayoral Board report regarding the Statement of Budget and Revenue and Draft Charter seeking feedback; and
5. Pursue funding for:
 - a. Reducing emissions from Council waste facilities and
 - b. Transitioning water utility strategy into Integrated Planning and reporting

c. The CNSWJO Governance Structure Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board note the CNSWJO Governance Structure Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominate Portfolio Mayors to the various portfolios of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. Leveraging our successful collaboration - Cr Kevin Beatty as Chair and Cr John Medcalf d. Regional Prosperity through better infrastructure and services - Cr Bill West e. Advocate for better infrastructure and services in health and ageing - Cr Phyllis Miller as Chair, Cr John Medcalf, Cr Ken Keith and Cr Maree Statham f. Telecommunications - Cr John Medcalf as Chair and Cr Phyllis Miller g. Regional Transport Planning and Infrastructure Prioritisation - Cr Ken Keith h. Regional Water Security and Productive Water - Cr David Somerville, Cr Jason Hamling and Cr Robert Taylor i. Transition to a sustainable, secure and affordable energy future -Cr Mark Kellam 2. Form a subcommittee to meet monthly to progress advocacy strategy; and 3. Provide a report to next meeting on Board meeting frequency. 	

d. SSRP Evaluation

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr C Bembrick
That the Board note the Evaluation Report for the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority (SSRP) found the process and outputs compliant, good value for money and well received. Where possible in future iterations;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The strategy itself should be developed in-house; 2. A subcommittee of Mayors similar to that used for this iteration should provide oversight of the process; 3. Any expenditure on consultants should be for "new eyes" on the region for a background document to inform strategy like the https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/content/uploads/CNSWJO-Environmental-Scan.pdf of strategic and plans at the regional, state, national and international levels that are relevant to this region; 4. Give greater thought to engagement with State agencies; and 5. The highest priority for any funding for renewal of strategy is for a conference for new Councillors. 	

e. Regional Procurement and Contracts

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr B West
That the Board notes the report on the Regional Procurement and Contract Management Report and approves;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The approval of a 12-month extension the regional traffic control contract; 2. The approval of a 12-month extension of the Supply of bitumen emulsion regional contract; 3. The approval of an Asset Management Audit RFQ process inclusive of a 5% contract 4. management fee; and 5. Approve a regional process for a Modern Slavery Risk Assessment of suppliers for regional councils, provided more than 5 councils express interest in participating. 	

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Priority two: Regional Prosperity through better Infrastructure and Services**f. Advocacy Plan for Regional Prosperity through better Infrastructure and Services Report**

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr C Bembrick
That the Board adopt the Advocacy Plan for Regional Prosperity through better Infrastructure and Services, and review content regarding housing giving consideration to opportunities with the Federal Government.	

g. Skills Shortages Report

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Cr M Kellam
That the Board note Skills Shortages report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give consideration to progressing a relationship with another council; 2. Note the draft key messages of the advocacy plan and delegate the finalisation of the plan to the Portfolio Mayor and Sponsoring General Managers; 3. Seek advice on options for Councils to secure post training employment; and 4. Include in advocacy the capacity of Councils to pay given rate pegging. 	

Priority three: Advocate for better infrastructure and services in health and ageing**h. Health Advocacy**

Resolved	Cr P Miller/ Cr K Keith
That the Board notes the report on the Health Advocacy and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the key messages on health and ageing; 2. Note the balance of the advocacy advice will be provided to the next Board meeting; 3. Seek to have the Health and Social Profiles developed by the Western Area Local Health District's Health Intelligence Unit updated; 4. Seek feedback from Mr Richard Colbran on advocacy. 	

Priority five: Transport and Infrastructure**i. Transport Advocacy**

Resolved	C K Keith/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board notes the report on the Transport Advocacy and adopts the Transport and Infrastructure Advocacy Plan.	

Priority six: Regional Water Security and Productive Water**j. Regional Water Report**

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr C Bembrick
That the Board note the Regional Water Security report and adopt the updated Advocacy Plan for Regional Water.	

k. Transitioning Local Water Utility Strategic Planning into the IP & R Framework

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr B West
That the Board note the report on transitioning what was Integrated Water Cycle Management Planning for Local Water Utilities into the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Terms of Reference and Project Scope; 2. Note that the Subcommittee of General Managers is Mr B Byrnes, Mr K Boyd, Mr G Rhodes and Mr G Tory; and 3. Note that the region is seeking funding to progress this project while expending \$25K of the Office of Local Government Capacity Building Funds to commence work. 	

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I. Regional Water Security and Productive Water

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board note the report on Productive Water and approve that:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A bid be put up to the newly formed Charles Sturt University Policy Lab to bring together CNSWJO member Council representatives, academics, subject matter specialists and key regional stakeholders to participate in a forum to co-design a Roadmap for the region to progress work on Productive Water; and 2. In the interim, the Board continue advocacy in line with the updated Advocacy Plan for Regional Water on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the finalisation of the Regional Water Strategies and the co-design of the Governance and Implementation Plans for these; and b. Wyangala Dam wall raising and Belubula Water Security Project inclusive of the recognition of the value of urban water and the opportunities to manage water differently (the 'Dutch Model'). 	

Priority seven: Transition to a sustainable, secure, and affordable energy future

m. Energy Report

Resolved	Cr C Bembrick/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board note the Energy Report and note there are no changes to the previously adopted Energy Advocacy Plan.	

n. Update from Essential Energy in Relation to Matters Raised by Members Report

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr M Kellam
That the Board note the Update from Essential Energy in Relation to Matters Raised by Members Report and continue to direct matters as they arise through Essential Energy's Head of Strategic Council Partnerships.	

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

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr J Medcalf
That the CNSWJO note the Quarterly review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022 -2025 and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sign the MoU with Regional Development Australia Central West; 2. Seek a variation for the OLG Capacity Building Funds of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$25,000 for the Water Training funding to be transferred to capacity building in water strategy aligned with Integrated Planning and Reporting; and b. \$23,132.86 remaining from the energy capacity building monies to augment the Regional NSW Business Case funding for the Nexus Between Net Zero and Energy Security; 3. Note that CNSWJO is seeking to have an event sponsored by the Regional Australia Institute to build better alignment with the Regionalisation Ambition 2032- Rebalance the Nation; 4. Continue membership of the Regional Australia Institute of \$5K pa; 5. Develop a response to the Environmental Impact Statement for the upgrade to the Great Western Highway between Blackheath to Little Hartley in line with current policy; and 6. Endorse the support of the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission on Minor Energy Flow Metering 	

10. The Board resolved to move Confidential Reports Items 10 b and 10 c into General Business given recent announcements by the State government.

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr J Medcalf
The Board resolved to more Confidential Reports Items 10 b and 10c into General Business.	

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12.00pm Mr Dave Waddell and Mark Hodges Left the meeting

12.02pm The Chairs suspended the meeting to hear from the General Manager of Destination Central West, Mr Sean Haylan.

The Chair reopened the meeting at 12:30.

10b. Procurement Report - Disaster Risk Reduction Fund Program

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr B West
That the Board note the Procurement Report - Disaster Risk Reduction Fund Program, and	
1. Approve CNSWJO to conduct an RFT process if required on behalf of participating JOs for a Local and Regional Needs Analysis; and	
2. Approve CNSWJO to conduct the following RFQ procurement processes, if required, on behalf of participating JOs, noting that acceptance will be via the Chair and Sponsoring General Managers as per the CNSWJO Procurement Policy:	
a. Community Workshops & Training;	
b. Transport Vulnerability/Freight Routes;	
c. Disaster Risk Reduction/Integrated Planning and Reporting Integration; and	
d. Simtables or equivalent.	

10c. Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (DRRF) Program report

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Cr B West
That the Board note the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (DRRF) Program report and	
1. Note the funding received from the NSW Reconstruction Authority of \$647,989;	
2. Note the engagement of Ms Jenny Webber as the DRRF Program Manager;	
3. Endorse the draft DRRF Implementation Plan;	
4. Endorse the draft DRRF Risk Management Plan; and	
5. Endorse the draft Terms of Reference for the CNSWJO DRRF Project Steering Committee.	

Closure of the meeting to the public

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr J Medcalf
The Board resolved to move into closed.	

11. Confidential Reports

Financial Report

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Cr B West
That the Board note the Financial Report.	

Reopening the meeting

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr J Medcalf
The Board resolved to reopen the meeting to the public.	

12. Late reports – Nil

13. Speakers to the next meeting.

14. Next meetings:

GMAC: 27 April - Cowra

Board: 24/25 May – Canberra (TBC Federal Parliament)

Meeting closed 12.36pm

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