

**Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 22 August 2019 held in Parkes**

**Attendees, voting members in bold.**

<b>Cr S Ferguson</b>	Blayney Shire Council	<b>Cr K Sajowitz</b>	Oberon Council
<b>Cr B West</b>	Cowra Shire Council	<b>Cr R Kidd</b>	Orange City Council
<b>Cr P Miller</b>	Forbes Shire Council	<b>Cr K Keith</b>	Parkes Shire Council
<b>Cr P Phillips</b>	Lachlan 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 P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Ms S Harma	RDACW
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Mr K Harrison	DPIE Regional
Mr S Loane	Forbes Shire Council	Mr P Evans	DPIE OLG
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms K Purser	DPIE OLG
Mr K Boyd	Parkes Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	Central NSW JO
Mr G Carroll	Weddin Shire Council	Ms Meredith Macpherson	Central NSW JO

1. **Opening meeting 10.00am**
2. **Welcome to Country by Parkes Shire Elder Uncle Robert Clegg and Cr Ken Keith**
3. **Speakers**
  - Justin Johnson & Angela Hubbard Co-Founders of PHYZ X 2U - Mobile Physio Bus.
  - Mr Brett Dean and Mr Bruce King from the Regional Investment Corporation.
4. **Election of the Chair for the Joint Organisation Meeting in the absence of Cr Medcalf**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B West/Cr P Miller</b>
That Cr Scott Ferguson, Mayor of Blayney Shire Council, be the Chair for the meeting of the Central NSW JO Board meeting 22 August 2019.	

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

Cr J Medcalf, Cr G Hanger, Cr K Beatty, Cr M Liebich, Mr B Byrnes, Mr D Waddell, Ms C Weston, Mr A Albury, and Ms K Barker.

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr K Keith</b>
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 22 August 2019 listed above be accepted.	

6. **Moved forward Disclosures of Interest - Nil Provided**

7. **Minutes**

**7a Confirmation of the Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 28 June 2019 held via teleconference**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B West/Cr K Sajowitz</b>
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the meeting 28 June 2019 held in Sydney	

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**7b Confirmation of the Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 29 May 2019 in Sydney**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr R Kidd</b>
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the meeting 29 May 2019 held via teleconference	

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

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr P Miller</b>
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

**9. Chair's Minute(s) - Nil**

**10. Reports on Committees**

**a. Terms of Reference for the Regional Prosperity Sub-committee**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B West/Cr P Miller</b>
That the Board adopt the Terms of Reference for the Regional Prosperity Subcommittee and note the balance of the report.	

**b. Terms of Reference for the Central NSW Regional Water Subcommittee**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr B West</b>
That the Board adopt the Terms of Reference for the Regional Water Subcommittee and note the balance of the report.	

Cr P Miller encouraged members to attend the upcoming meeting for Region 10 of the Murray Darling Association

**11. Reports to Joint Organisation**

**a. Regional Water**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr P Miller/Cr B West</b>
That the Board	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Endorse the development of policy and advocacy on the identified emergency water security projects (short-term and long term);</li><li>2. Endorse the Chairs of the Regional Prosperity and Regional Water portfolios working together to optimise opportunities from the Wyangala Dam wall investigations for economic development and urban water security across the Lachlan catchment and develop further policy in this regard;</li><li>3. Receive a report on the IPART recommendations in the Review of reporting and compliance burdens on Local Government;</li><li>4. Note work with DPIE-Water and the RLE to integrate town water into the Regional Water Strategy; and</li><li>5. Circulate advice to members monitoring the current opportunities and risks;</li></ol>	

**11.15am Arrival of Special Guest The Hon Mark Coulton – Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government, Assistant Trade and Investment Minister and Federal Member for Parkes, and his advisor Ms Cathy Heidrich. The region raised FAGs grants and opportunities to support decentralization including fuel excise, zonal taxation and child care. The Minister recommended the region undertake follow-up on the Digital Connectivity Discussion Paper.**

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12.10pm break for morning tea.

12.30pm resume meeting

**b. Administration of GMAC**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr P Miller/Cr B West</b>
That the Board note the advice regarding the administration of GMAC and	
1. note the terms of reference for GMAC; and	
2. note that sponsoring General Managers for the priorities of the Joint Organisation Strategic Plan are	
a. Inter Council Cooperation – Greg Tory and Brad Byrnes;	
b. Regional Water – Gavin Rhodes, Kent Boyd and David Sherley;	
c. Transport and Infrastructure– Kent Boyd, Gary Wallace and Steve Loane;	
d. Regional Prosperity – Paul Devery, Orange General Manager (TBC), Glenn Carroll and Rebecca Ryan; and	
3. note the sponsoring General Managers for the regional teams are as follows:	
a. Energy – Brad Byrnes	
b. Transport Technical Group – Kent Boyd	
c. IT – Greg Tory	
d. Tourism – Rebecca Ryan	
e. HR and Training – Dave Sherley	
f. Directors of Corporate Services – Steve Loane	
g. WHS – Paul Devery	
h. Planning – Gary Wallace and General Manager Orange (TBC)	
i. Water Utilities teams – Kent Boyd	

**c. Report on Electricity Essential Energy Service levels**

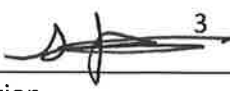
<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr P Miller/Cr K Keith</b>
That the Board note the report on Essential Energy service levels and approach Essential Energy:	
1. seeking regular reporting from Essential Energy about performance in our region against the full range of service levels it is required to meet under the Guaranteed Service Level Scheme and the AER's revised Service Target Performance Incentive Scheme;	
2. Proceed with a workshop with Essential Energy on improved service levels while maintaining current workforce; and	
3. Encourage members to support the Small Business Commissioner in her efforts to address this issue.	

**d. Rural Health Pro Partnership Proposal**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr B West</b>
That the Board note the Rural Health Pro Partnership Proposal, allow the Joint Organisation logo to be used on the website and commend to members they provide content to promote their communities as a destination of choice for health workforce.	

**e. WRI Sponsorship Proposal**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr S Ferguson/Cr P Miller</b>
That the Board note the WRI Event Sponsorship Proposal and	
1. Commend to members they provide attendance to support the event;	
2. Provide in-kind assistance with promotion of the event;	
3. Sponsor the event as a Gold Sponsor at \$2500; and	
4. Under the auspices of the Chair, develop key messages for the event in line with existing policy.	

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**f. 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

1. Amend the control for Risk 32 in the Risk Management Plan to “work with other JOs and relevant State agencies on a sustainable funding framework for the JO network and advocate as necessary;”
2. Note that the TOR for the Regional Strategic Transport Group will be reviewed by the Group at their next meeting;
3. Endorse the actions of the JO Chairs with regard to seeking funding and a sustainable framework for Joint Organisations;
4. Support the suggested changes to the Terms of Reference for the JO Chairs Forum seeking to have one Chair elected for up to twelve months;
5. Note that the funding agreement for the \$150K for the Joint Organisation announced by the Minister 30 July will be negotiated by the Chair between meetings; and
6. Thank the Minister for Local Government for the funding seeking to apprise her of the value of the Joint Organisation to the State.

**g. Administration Update**

**Resolved** **Cr P Miller/Cr B West**

That the Board note the timeline for the implementation of the JO.

**h. Financial and Compliance Report**

**Resolved** **Cr K Keith/Cr P Miller**

That the Board note the Finance and compliance report provided late due to late advice from the auditor and gives permission for the audited accounts to be signed under the auspices of the Chair if the final result after audit does not differ greatly from the figures presented in this report.

12. **Notices of motions/Questions with notice - Nil**
13. **Confidential matters - Nil**
14. **General Business - Forbes - RMS contracts on the Newell and RMCC contracts more broadly – seeking a collective approach to ensuring Councils’ engagement in these programs. Oberon provided advice on their Spartan event for next year – watch this space!**
15. **Conclusion of the meeting - Meeting closed at 1.07 pm**

**The next meeting** of the Central NSW JO Board will be 12.00pm Wednesday 27 November in Canberra at the ACT Legislative Assembly. Members have requested a presentation on the City Power Partnerships and Canberra Airport then roundtable discussions with various Ministers at Parliament House Canberra 28 November.

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