

Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 29 May 2019 held in the LGNSW Boardroom
28 Margaret Street Sydney

Attendees, voting members in bold.

Cr G Hanger	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr J Medcalf	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Cr R Kidd	Orange City Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr M Liebich	Weddin Shire Council
Cr B West	Cowra Shire Council	Cr K Keith	Parkes Shire Council

Mr D Sherley	Bathurst Regional Council	Mr G Rhodes	Central Tablelands Water
Ms R Ryan	Blayney Shire Council	Ms C Weston	RDACW
Ms H Nicholls (acting)	Cabonne Council	Mr A Albury	DPC
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms A Shaw	DPC
Mr S Loane	Forbes Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	Central NSW JO
Mr D Waddell (acting)	Orange City Council	Ms Meredith Macpherson	Central NSW JO
Mr K Boyd	Parkes Shire Council	Ms K Barker	Central NSW JO
Mr G Carroll	Weddin Shire Council	Ms C Griffin	Central NSW JO
Cr D Somerville	Central Tablelands Water	Ms P Ewing	Lachlan Shire Council

Meeting opened 1.20pm, Chaired by Chair Cr John Medcalf

1. Opening of the Central NSW Joint Organisation Meeting 29 May
2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Apologies applications for a leave of absence by Joint Voting representatives
Cr K Sajowitz, Cr P Miller, Mr G Wallace, Mr B Byrnes, Mr P Devery

Resolved	Cr S Ferguson/Cr B West
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 29 May 2019 listed above be accepted.	

4. Minutes
 - 4a Confirmation of the Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 28 February 2019 in Orange

Resolved	Cr R Kidd/Cr G Hanger
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the meeting 28 February 2019 in Orange.	

- 4b Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 2 May 2019 in Orange

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr G Hanger
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the meeting 2 May 2019 in Orange	

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5. Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress

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

6. Disclosures of interests

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr M Liebich
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note following disclosures of interest: Item 9(h) Orange 360 Bike Tourism Project Cr Scott Ferguson, Cr R Kidd, Cr K Beatty and Cr D Somerville	

7. Chair's Minute(s) Emergency Services Levy Increase

Resolved	Cr S Ferguson/Cr R Kidd
That the Board Notes:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a. That last December, the NSW Government enacted laws to provide better workers compensation coverage for firefighters who are diagnosed with one of twelve specific work-related cancersb. That in many areas of NSW, fire services are made up of elected and staff members of local government, and that local governments strongly support this expanded workers compensation schemec. That as a result of these changes, the State Government has decided to implement the new scheme by charging local governments an increased Emergency Services Levy, without consultationd. That the expected increase in costs to local governments will be \$19m in the first year alone, and that there is little or no time to enshrine this charge in Council's 2019/2020 budgetse. That Local Government NSW has long advocated for the Emergency Services Levy to be significantly modified to ensure it is transparent, equitable and accountable.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Central NSW JO supports Local Government NSW's calls for:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. the NSW Government to cover the initial additional \$19m increase to local governments for the first year andb. the NSW Government to work with NSW local governments to redesign the funding mechanism for the scheme to ensure fairness into the future.2. Requests that General Managers liaise with Local Government NSW to provide information on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The impact on council budgets and• Council advocacy actions undertaken.3. Requests that the Board write to the NSW Premier and NSW Interim Opposition Leader, NSW Minister for Customer Services, NSW Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Local Government and Shadow Minister for Local Government, and local state member/s to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. call upon the NSW Government to fund the 12 months of this extra cost rather than requiring councils to find the funds at short notice when budgets have already been allocatedii. explain how this sudden increase will impact council services / the local community.iii. highlight that councils were not warned of the increased cost until May 2019, despite the new laws being passed in November 2018iv. explain that the poor planning and implementation of the increase is inconsistent with the Government's commitment to work in partnership with the sectorv. ask the Government to work with local governments to redesign the implementation of the scheme to ensure it is fairer for councils and communities into the future.4. Copy the following letter to Local Government NSW.	

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8. Reports on Committees

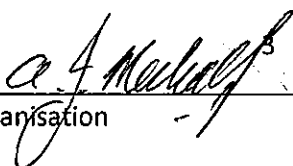
a. General Managers' Advisory Committee – Consideration of the Central West and Orana Regional Plan recommendations to the Board

Resolved	Cr K Beatty/Cr M Liebich
That the Joint Organisation Board note report from the General Managers' Advisory Committee and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note the Minutes of the GMAC meeting 2 May 20192. regarding the review of priority of the Central West and Orana Regional Plan, provide the following advice to the consultation process:3. That a significant number of activities that have not been completed may change the priority;4. From a land-use perspective the following are priorities:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The need for some type of advice on bufferingb. Aged care development where there is a suggestion that there should be a regional approach to demandc. Biodiversity control which is seen to be complex and driving more land clearing rather than managing it in the interest of stakeholders including the environmentd. Data quality, particularly mapping and transport informatione. Retail strategies and funding there-off. The need for a strategic approach to derelict and potentially contaminated sitesg. Housing strategiesh. Guidance on naturally occurring asbestosi. Supporting aboriginal communities through the development processj. The inclusion of Activation Precincts5. From a regional development perspective priorities include:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Water security and drought are significant prioritiesb. Review tourism priorities subsequent to a meeting between DPE, DNCO and JO representatives where access for projects to be built in National Parks and the approach to wine and food tourism were identified as needing workc. Seek advice on in region grid capacity and its impacts on development particularly renewables	

b. Drought Sub-committee - Progressing the recommendations of the Drought Issues Paper

Resolved	Cr M Liebich/Cr K Keith
That the Board note the Report on the Drought Issues Paper authored by Western Research Institute and regarding its recommendations:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt the drought policy for the Central NSW Joint Organisation;2. Work with requisite State agencies and other peak regional bodies regarding drought preparedness with a report to be provided to the Board on options for resourcing better drought support and coordination at the local and regional level;3. Progress a business case for better investment in drought response and preparedness including seeking codesign with relevant State Agencies;4. Write to the Hon Mark Coulton, Member for Parkes and other elected representatives (as required), regarding extension of the time lines for round 1 and future rounds of drought funding for \$1m Councils' program; and5. Seek ongoing funding support from the Federal Government for the appointment of drought coordinators for the region.	

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9. Reports to Joint Organisation

a. Regional Water

Resolved	Cr G Hanger/Cr B West
That the Board; 1. adopt the confidential report on Opportunities for Joint Organisations in Water Management in Regional NSW; and 2. adopt the updated Communique between Central NSW Councils, Lachlan Valley Water and the Belubula Landholders Association.	

b. Review of the Central NSW Charter

Resolved	Cr R Kidd/Cr B West
That the Board note the report on the review of the Central NSW Charter; and 1. Amend the Charter regarding the methodology for financial contribution for the Joint Organisation from: a. The annual financial contribution required to be made by each Member Council is to consist of: i. a base fee of the same amount for each Member Council; and ii. a capitation fee [based on the number population drawn from rate assessments]. To: a. The annual financial contribution required to be made by each Member Council is to consist of: i. base fee of the same amount for each Member Council; and ii. a capitation fee [based on the number population drawn from ABS census figures]. And Amend the Vision and Principles from Vision and principles a. The vision of the Organisation is set from time to time by the Board to reflect the collective regional priorities and aspirations of its Member Councils. b. At the date of adoption of this Charter the vision of the Organisation, as the successor to the regional organisation of councils known as Central NSW Councils (or Centroc) is for Central New South Wales to be a vibrant growing and welcoming place of seasonal landscapes recognised in the nation for its agricultural heart. To: Vision and principles a. The vision of the Organisation is set from time to time by the Board to reflect the collective regional priorities and aspirations of its Member Councils. b. In accordance with the Central NSW Joint Organisation Strategic Plan 2019/2020 the Vision is Central NSW is a vibrant, prosperous and welcoming place of seasonal landscapes that is recognised by the nation for its agricultural heart. c. In accordance with the Central NSW Joint Organisation Strategic Plan 2019/2020 the Principles guiding the organisation are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercising leadership• Mutual respect• Demonstrating integrity• Thoughtful contribution	

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- Acting in the public interest
- Intergenerational equity
- Timely and appropriate responsiveness
- Willingness and commitment
- Accountability and transparency
- Sharing and positive intent
- Adding value

2. That a Draft Charter be placed on the CNSWJO website within 30 days.

c. Code of Meeting Practice for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Report

Resolved	Cr K Beatty/Cr S Ferguson
That the Board adopt the Central NSW Joint Organisation Code of Meeting Practice.	

d. Code of Conduct

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr M Liebich
That the Board adopt the Model Code of Conduct	

e. Structural, reporting and other arrangements to progress the Joint Organisation (JO) Strategic Plan

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr G Hanger
That the Board note the advice regarding structural, reporting and other arrangements to progress the Joint Organisation (JO) Strategic Plan and	
1. With regard to State and Federal Parliamentary visits, hold its formal meeting the afternoon before;	
2. Regarding Portfolio Mayors, note that there are now only 4 priority areas those being	
a. Intercouncil cooperation	
b. Regional Prosperity	
c. Regional Water	
d. Transport and Infrastructure	
3. Retain Portfolio Spokespersons Cr Bill West (Regional Prosperity), Cr David Somerville (Regional Water), Cr Ken Keith (Transport and Infrastructure) and agree that the Chair of the Joint Organisation will be the Portfolio Mayor for Inter council Cooperation;	
4. Seek updated advocacy plans from each Portfolio Spokesperson, subject to feedback from members, regarding their priority;	
5. Note that an Executive is not contemplated in the Central NSW Joint Organisation structure;	
6. Agree that Special Meetings of the JO may need to be called from time to time to manage business between quarterly meetings;	
7. Receive a report on delegations to optimise the administration and leadership of the Joint Organisation;	
8. Note that GMAC will continue to meet quarterly and the Board will receive a report from GMAC including recommendations;	
9. Seek advice back from General Managers on their recommendations for the administration of GMAC;	
10. Note the new agenda and report format; and	
11. Note that the life of the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority is until the next Local Government election in September 2020.	

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f. Related Party Disclosures Report

Resolved	Cr M Liebich/Cr K Beatty
That the Board adopt the Related Parties Policy and associated procedures for the Central NSW Joint Organisation	

g. Central NSW Joint Organisation (JO) engagement with neighbouring councils

Resolved	Cr S Ferguson/Cr K Keith
That the Board note the Report on the Central NSW Joint Organisation engagement with other councils.	

A rescission motion regarding this issue and item number 7.3 of the motion moved 28 February 2019 was foreshadowed.

h. Administering of the Orange Bike Tourism Business Case Funding Proposal

Cr R Kidd, Cr K Beatty, Cr D Somerville and Cr S Ferguson declared a non pecuniary interest and left the room – volunteer directors of Orange 360.

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr G Hanger
That the Board note the report regarding administering of the Orange Bike Tourism Business Case funding proposal and support the application for the Growing Local Economies program to fully fund a business case to be developed for an Orange Regional Bicycle Tourism project.	

Cr R Kidd, Cr K Beatty, Cr D Somerville and Cr S Ferguson returned to the room

3.00pm meeting adjourned for a presentation from President of LGNSW Linda Scott and Chief Executive Tara McCarthy.

3.30pm meeting resumed

i. Draft Statement of Revenue and Budget

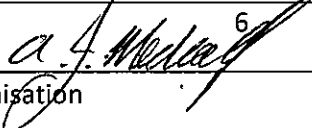
Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr B West
That the Board note the report on the Draft Statement of Revenue and Budget and	
1. adopt the Draft Statement of Revenue and Budget (the Draft Statement);	
2. place the Draft Statement on Exhibition; and	
3. call a special meeting for 28 June to give consideration to adoption of the Draft Statement	

Resolved	Cr S Ferguson/Cr G Hanger
That the Draft Statement of Revenue and Budget fee structure include fees for the Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) noting that the excellent annual reports from the WRAS continue to be provided.	

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

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr G Hanger
That the Board note the report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority and	
1. Receive a report on the Terms of Reference for the Regional Prosperity Subcommittee of both the Joint Organisation Board and the Regional Leadership Executive;	
2. Note advice on cost savings and grant acquisition will both transition across to the JO from Centroc and include advice as of May 2019 particular to the JO;	

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- 3. Nominate members to form the working group reviewing tourism;
- 4. Nominate members to form the working group reviewing the Matrix and developing policy going forward; and
- 5. Note that advice is being sought from Minister Pavey on the formation of a Regional Water Committee including nomination of members from state agencies.

k. Administration Update

Resolved	Cr G Hanger/ Cr K Beatty
That the Board note the timeline for the implementation of the JO.	

l. Financial and Compliance Report

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr G Hanger
That the Board note the Finance and compliance report.	

10. Notices of motions/Questions with notice Nil

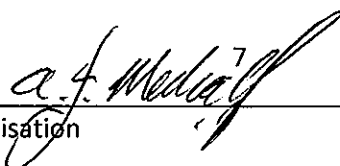
11. Confidential matters Nil

12. Conclusion of the meeting - Meeting closed at 4.08pm

The next meeting of the Central NSW JO Board will be a phone hookup 28 June 2019 then Thursday 22 August 2019.

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