

Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 24 February 2022 held in Canowindra

In Attendance

Cr R Taylor	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr J Medcalf OAM	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Cr M Kellam	Oberon Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr J Hamling	Orange City 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	Cr D Somerville	Central Tablelands Water
Ms R Ryan	Blayney Shire Council	Mr G Rhodes	Central Tablelands Water
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council		
Mr P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr S Loane OAM	Forbes Shire Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms K Barker	CNSWJO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council		
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council		
Mr K Boyd PSM	Parkes Shire Council		
Mr J Rath (Acting)	Weddin Shire Council		

Meeting opened at 10:04am by Chair Cr John Medcalf, OAM

1. **Welcome from the Chair, Cr John Medcalf OAM**
2. **Acknowledgement of Country**
3. **Apologies applications for a leave of absence by Joint Voting representatives – Nil**
4. **Conflicts of Interest – Nil**
5. **Stepping down of outgoing Chair**
Cr John Medcalf OAM, stepped down from Chair after 5 years, welcomed new Board members and thanked everyone in the room for their support.

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr P Miller
That the Board record its appreciation of the outgoing Chair, Cr John Medcalf.	

6. **Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson**
Ms J Bennett became Returning Officer and advised she had received 1 nomination for the position of Chair and 1 nomination for the position of Deputy Chair.
No further nominations were provided from the floor.

Cr Kevin Beatty was elected as Chair unopposed

Cr Mark Kellam was elected as Deputy Chair unopposed
Cr Medcalf welcomed Cr Beatty to the Chair.

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Cr K Beatty Assumes Chair.

Cr K Beatty thanks Cr Medcalf, acknowledges Country and welcomes the Board to Cabonne

7. Minutes

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 25 November 2021 held in Orange

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr S Ferguson
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the meeting 25 November 2021 held in Orange.	

8. Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr J Hamling
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested, and amend item 1 regarding 'resilience and recovery subcommittee.'	

9. Reports on Statement of Regional Strategic Priority

Priority One: Inter-Council Co-operation

a. Financial Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board note the Financial Report.	

b. Review of the CNSWJO Advocacy position for a safe, swift link between Central NSW and Sydney

Resolved	Cr J Hamling/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board note the report on its advocacy position for a safe, swift link between Central NSW and Sydney and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reiterate that this transport connection remains a priority of the CNSWJO Board;2. Provide a response to the Draft Central West and Orana Regional Transport Plan emphasizing its key messages;3. Circulate the response to the Draft Central West and Orana Regional Transport Plan for member noting;4. Include other important connections such as Hume to Newell, Mitchell and opportunities to link to Sydney, Port Kembla and Canberra; and5. Hold a workshop to revitalise strategy connection to the east coast, inviting TfNSW and including rail.	

c. Advocacy Tactics to the State and Federal Elections

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Cr B West
That the Board note the report on advocacy tactics to the Federal and State elections and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt the CNSWJO Advocacy Policy;2. Adopt the Advocacy Plans for<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Transport and Infrastructure;b. Water;c. Regional Prosperity; and	

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d. Energy;

3. Adopt the "Central NSW Joint Organisation Advocacy Priorities to the Federal Election;"
4. Adopt the priorities for the Federal election as:
 - a. Opportunities along the Lachlan Valley to do business differently to support the nation's growth aspirations. Raising the dam wall at Wyangala is an important first step to deliver better flood immunity and water security to enable the agricultural sector.
 - b. The roll out of Inland Rail with funding support for enabling infrastructure in region.
 - c. Regional activation precincts like the one in Parkes and the 20 suggested by the National Farmers Federation for agricultural place-based development.
 - d. Connectivity, including to ports includes ensuring a safe swift link between Western Sydney and the Central West including the current upgrades along the Great Western Highway and more importantly securing a corridor for dual carriageway for a future crossing at 100kph. How is it that Queensland has two safe swift highways at 100kph to the west of Brisbane and NSW has not one?
 - e. A progressive increase in Financial Assistance Grants to at least one percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue (at least \$4.5 billion per year) and an initial injection of additional Financial Assistance Grants funding.
 - f. A solutions-based approach to health workforce and aged care shortages that puts the needs of regional communities first.
 - g. A Federal Government led fully funded support program for apprenticeships in local government codesigned with local government.
 - h. A Local Government Climate Response Partnership Fund of \$200m over four years to enable planning and preparation to minimise the impacts of climate change in local communities and enable Councils to achieve climate neutrality as soon as practicable.
 - i. Continuation of the Stronger Regional Digital Connectivity Package at \$55m over four years to improve community resilience and local economic recovery.
5. Draft collateral to the Federal election from these priorities for feedback from members;
6. Delegate up to \$10K to the Executive Officer for the development of collateral to the State and Federal elections;
7. Commend to members they attend the round table led by the Shadow Duty Senators for Calare and the Riverina 17 March;
8. Commend to members they attend a meeting with the Government in Canberra 31 March;
9. Commend to members they support the rollout of weekly media releases via Mayors on key regional issues leading into both the Federal and State elections;
10. Develop key messaging for the State election based on existing priority and strategic work undertaken in the development of the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority with a report to be provided to the Board in May 2022; and
11. Advocacy at the State level to align with and leverage Country Mayors, the Joint Organisation Chairs' Forum and Local Government NSW.

d. Developing the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority for this term of the JO

Resolved

Cr R Taylor/Cr S Ferguson

That the Board note the report on developing the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority (SSRP) for this term of the JO and

1. Note that the Statement is to be developed by 4 December 2022;

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2. Adopt an approach to an output similar to the last term – that being a high level two page summary document supported by a more detailed plan for the term of this Joint Organisation plus one year thereafter including a risk management plan and communication strategy;
3. Adopt the following timeline:
 - a. Two workshops in June and July 2022 informed by the following outputs:
 - i...A Risk Management Plan developed by a subcommittee of the Board identified at the Board meeting;
 - ii. An environmental scan of strategies and plans by the State and Federal Governments;
 - iii. A report on member priorities for the JO informed by consultation with members;
 - iv. A summary report of CSPs;
 - v. A State agency snapshot developed through the regional CSP support program;
 - a. A draft SSRP for adoption at the August Board that seeks feedback from members;
 - b. Final SSRP and Strategic Plan to the November Board meeting; and
4. Monitor the rollout of ABS data from the 2020 Census and include this where possible;
5. Delegate to a subcommittee of Cr Beatty, Cr Kellam, Cr Medcalf, Cr Ferguson, Cr West, Cr Miller, the development of a Risk Management Plan and oversight of the SSRP process;
6. Include considerations for the subcommittee of Mayors the timing and focus for a Summit bringing together Councils in the region;
7. Direct a Draft Statement of Budget and Revenue Policy be prepared for the meeting in May that as best as possible resources the strategic direction of the Board on the SSRP to date; and
8. Note that the workshop on the SSRP in June will need to have a formal component to adopt the Statement of Budget and Revenue Policy.

e. Regional State Government/Local Government Workshop – Informing Community Strategic Plans

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Cr P Miller
<p>That the Board note the CSP Report and provide a report to the May meeting on the feasibility of repeating this program in the future including the recommendations from the work undertaken to date, those being:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide an ongoing opportunity to inform “State of the City/Shire” reporting and the development and monitoring of future Community Strategic Plans it is proposed that a similar forum bringing State agencies and local government together be held in a scheduled, ongoing way: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Around June/July ahead of each local government election to get updated data to inform reporting and the development of the next CSP; b. Following each local government election to share draft CSPs and confirm opportunities for implementation and delivery of local strategies; and c. Around the mid-point of each Council term to monitor the progress of implementing CSP strategies. 	

f. Policy for Competitive Funding

Resolved	Cr J Hamling/Cr B West
<p>That the Board note the Policy for Competitive Funding report and approve the Competitive Funding Policy to be added to the policy and procedure suite.</p>	

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g. Regional Procurement and Contracts

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board notes the report on Procurement and Contract Management and approves the JO to conduct new regional procurement processes for the following, along with the corresponding contract management fees:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. LED lighting upgrades for buildings with a 1% contract management fee;2. LED lighting upgrades at parks and sporting fields with a 1% contract management fee;3. variable speed drives with a 3% contract management fee;4. power factor correction devices with a 3% contract management fee;5. smart management system for new and existing solar installations with a 3% contract management fee;6. solar panels and battery storage with a 1% contract management fee; and7. receive a presentation on the outcomes of the Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement Program.	

h. Energy Program

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr R Taylor
That the Board notes the report on the Energy Program and endorses the following submissions:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AER Framework and Approach Consultation;2. NSW Public Lighting Code Review;3. AEMC Review of Regulatory Framework for Metering Services; and4. IPART Review of Electricity Network Operators' Licenses.	

Priority Two: Regional Prosperity

i. Destination Network Central West Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr K Keith
That the Board note the report on the mooted Destination Network Central West and monitor the situation weekly through the Deputy Premier, Paul Toole's Office to ascertain timing of the Cabinet review of the boundary.	

Priority Four: Regional Water Security

j. Water Update

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr S Ferguson
That the Board note the Regional Water report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. circulate a report on the regulatory framework and2. draft a submission and policy seeking to abolish the 75/25 rule.	

k. Matters Raised by Members: Bathurst Regional Council Section 10 application on the Mount Panorama area

Resolved	Cr R Taylor/ Cr K Keith
That the Board note the report and provide the enclosed correspondence as a formal submission to the section 10 reporter in relation to the current section 10 application lodged under the ATSHIP Act in relation to lands at or near Mount Panorama Wahluu in support of Bathurst Regional Council's efforts in maintaining and developing the Mount Panorama Wahluu site as a tourism destination of international significance.	

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I. Report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority

Resolved	Cr S Ferguson/ Cr P Miller
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. Submit the Board response to the Draft Central West and Orana Regional Plan;2. Submit the attached response to the Draft Central West and Orana Transport Plan;3. Undertake advocacy regarding the content of both submissions, particularly in regard to<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Consideration of Central NSW separately due to its pattern of settlement;b. The use of common planning assumptions;c. The need for a safe swift link between Central NSW and Sydney to be included in the Draft Transport Plan with advice on steps to be taken in this 5 year period;d. Commend to members they lodge their own submissions; and4. Correspondence be provided to the Auditor General on the use of Common Planning Assumptions and their impacts in Central NSW.	

10. Late reports – Nil

11. Matters raised by Members

a. Cr Scott Ferguson requested a report to the next Board meeting on remuneration of the Chair.

b. IPART decision for the 0.7% rate rise

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr J Medcalf
That the Board express its strong dissatisfaction of the 0.7% rate rise.	

c. Thanks to administrative support staff at Lachlan and in the CNSWJO

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/ Cr M Kellam
That correspondence be provided thanking the administrative support staff for their support of the term for the outgoing Chair.	

12. Speakers to next meeting - TBA

13. Next meeting

**Special Board Meeting 17 March 2022 with our Duty ALP Senators and Members of Shadow Cabinet
TBA- Orange at CSU Campus TBC**

Board– 30/31 March 2022 Parliament House Canberra

GMAC – 28 April 2022 - Blayney

Meeting close 12.14pm

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