

minutes

MEETING OF: Orana Joint Organisation
DATE: 9 December 2019
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Mid-Western Regional Council Chambers

ATTENDEES:

Cr C Davies (Chair)	Narromine Shire Council
Cr M Quigley (Dep Chair)	Warren Shire Council
Cr D Batten	Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr D Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr D Kennedy	Mid-Western Regional Council
Cr R Donald	Bogan Shire Council
Cr G Neill	Deputy Mayor, Bogan Shire Council (non-voting)
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Leeanne Ryan	Acting General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Jane Redden	General Manager, Narromine Shire Council
Brad Cam	General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council
Glenn Wilcox	General Manager, Warren Shire Council
Derek Francis	General Manager, Bogan Shire Council
Belinda Barlow	Executive Officer, Orana Joint Organisation
Carolyne Marchant	(Minute Taker), Narromine Shire Council

GUESTS

Damien Pfeiffer, Director Regions, Western NSW Department of Planning & Environment
 Scott McLachlan, Chief Executive, Western NSW Local Health District
 Krissy Ukena, Senior Executive Assistant, Western NSW Local Health District
 Luke Homann, Transport for NSW
 Ben Hughes, Director, Economx
 Peter Halyburton, Energy and Management Services
 Cate Whiteley, Charles Sturt University (CSU) Dubbo Campus
 Peter Evans, Office of Local Government
 Alayna Gleeson, Orana Water Utilities Alliance

1. WELCOME:

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.04 am and Cr Des Kennedy, Mayor of Mid-Western Regional Council warmly welcomed Board Members and guests to the meeting.

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BOARD MEETING ITEMS

2. APOLOGIES:

Roger Bailey, General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council and Ashley Albury Regional NSW (DPC) were noted as apologies.

The attendance of Alayna Gleeson, Project Officer, Orana Water Utilities was acknowledged by the Board.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

4. PRESENTERS

- 4.1** Health Precincts - Damien Pfeiffer and Scott McLachlan – discussion regarding the Dubbo and Mudgee health precincts and the development of health and joint services precincts that will have enormous potential to meet the changing needs of rural and regional communities, while also achieving efficiencies of scale, avoiding duplication and supporting the broader economic growth of the regions' communities.
- 4.1** Connecting Central West Orana Transport Program update – Luke Homman
- 4.2** Economx – Ben Hughes offered a discussion in respect of regional and rural communities' ability to increase their capability and capacity to capture the economic benefits of infrastructure projects and maximise economic results well after the construction phase of infrastructure projects.

Scott McLachlan, Damien Pfeiffer, Krissy Ukena, Ben Hughes, Luke Homann and Alayna Gleeson left the meeting room at 10.50 am.

10.50am break for morning tea, meeting recommenced at 11.10 am.

Peter, Murray and Andrew Halyburton and Cate Whiteley joined the meeting room at 11.10 am.

- 4.3** Peter Halyburton, Murray Halyburton and Andrew Halyburton Energy and Management Services offered an update to the Orana Joint Organisation Board in respect of the energy/electricity supply and contracts.
- 4.4** Charles Sturt University, Dubbo Campus - future projects update was offered by Cate Whiteley, Regional Engagement and Government Relations team.

The Chair thanked all guests for their presentations and their time.

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At midday Peter, Murray and Andrew Halyburton and Cate Whiteley left the meeting.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

2019/065 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Kennedy that the Minutes of the Meeting held 30 September 2019 be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting noting an amendment to the attendance list to include Peter Evans, OLG and Jane Redden, General Manager, Narromine Shire Council.

CARRIED

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL FRAMEWORK REPORT

2019/066 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Donald that:

1. That the Orana Joint Organisation Board offer a submission to the Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework Discussion Paper, noting that:
 - i) the Orana Joint Organisation is under resourced to fulfill this function;
 - ii) the function is counterproductive for such a small organisation noting that the estimated cost of \$30,000 p/a which is more than 30% of the Orana Joint Organisation's own source revenue and is at risk of contributing to the Orana Joint Organisation's failure.

CARRIED

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2019/067 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Quigley that the Orana Joint Organisation Board note the Chairperson's minutes/report.

CARRIED

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS Part A (Action)

8.1 Orana Joint Organisation Budget Review October 2019

2019/068 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Kennedy that the document entitled, as attached Quarterly Budget REVIEW – OCTOBER 2019, be noted.

CARRIED

8.2 NSW Environmental Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation Funding

2019/069 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Todd that the Orana Joint Organisation Board note the funding application on behalf of Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance for Creating Homes for Threatened Species Project (2019 NSW Environmental Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation Funding).

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CARRIED

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS Part B (Information)

9.1 Orana Water Utilities Alliance Report

2019/070 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Batten that the information be noted.

CARRIED

9.2 2018/2019 Orana Joint Organisation Annual Performance Statement

2019/071 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Batten that the information be noted.

CARRIED

9.3 Delivery Program Progress Report October to November

2019/072 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Kennedy that the Delivery Program Progress Report from October to November 2019 be noted.

CARRIED

9.4 Orana Joint Organisation Information Guide

2019/073 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Quigley that the information be noted.

CARRIED

9.5 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Returns

2019/074 RESOLVED Crs Quigley/Kennedy that the information be noted.

CARRIED

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS Part C (Confidential)

2019/075 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Quigley that the meeting move into Closed Meeting under section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because the matter contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, and is therefore not in the public interest to disclose. Disclosure of this information would jeopardise future business opportunities.

CARRIED

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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OPEN MEETING

The following resolutions from Closed Meeting are noted.

10.1 Building Better Regions Fund Round 4

2019/076 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Batten that the Orana Joint Organisation Board does not support the funding application to Round 4 of the Building Better Regions Fund for Stage 2 of the Western Region Sports Hub Dubbo, as the Orana Joint Organisation Board does not have a complete appreciation of Dubbo Regional Council's position towards the project.

10.2 Regional University Centre Program Funding

2019/077 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Batten that the Orana Joint Organisation Board apply to be the lead applicant/partner for the Federal Government's Regional University Centre Funding Program.

11. NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Notice of motion from Cr Donald from Orana Joint Organisation Board Extra Ordinary meeting held 27 August 2019.

That a discussion be held in respect of using recycled plastics as alternate road material at the next Orana Joint Organisation Board Meeting.

2019/079 RESOLVED Crs Batten/ Donald that the item in respect of the alternate road materials be placed on next Joint Organisation Leadership Team (JOLT) Meeting Agenda for further investigation, noting Transport for NSW's interest in collaborating with the current Orana Joint Organisation members.

CARRIED

12. MATTERS OF URGENCY

2019/080 RESOLVED Crs Quigley/Donald that the Orana Joint Organisation notify the NSW Government to act urgently on behalf of water users along the Macquarie River and change the flood mitigation capacity at Burrendong Dam from 100% to 120%.

CARRIED

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MATTERS OF URGENCY - Membership of Dubbo Regional Council

2019/081 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Batten that the meeting move into Closed Meeting under section 10A (2) (c) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and is therefore not in the public interest to disclose. Disclosure of this information may prevent the Orana Joint Organisation from achieving the best outcome.

CARRIED

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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OPEN MEETING

The following resolutions are noted from Closed Meeting.

MATTERS OF URGENCY - Membership of Dubbo Regional Council

2019/082 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Quigley that the Orana Joint Organisation Board

1. note the correspondence the received from Dubbo Regional Council, and
2. support Dubbo Regional Council to become a member of the Orana Joint Organisation inviting such membership with a fee based on the current Orana Joint Organisation 2019/20 member contributions, as reflected in the 2019 Orana Joint Organisation Charter and 2019 Statement of Revenue Policy, together with Dubbo Regional Council's share of the distribution of funds from the former Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) equating to \$69,407.30 (excl GST).

The total contribution to be received from Dubbo Regional Council is summarised in Table 1 and 2 below.

(Table 1)

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	2017 ERP (Estimated Resident Population)	FLAT FEE	Per Capita Contribution	TOTAL	2.7% Rate Peg
Dubbo Regional Council	52,090	\$8972.00	\$28,128.60	\$37,100.60	\$38,102.32

(Table 2)

OROC

	Total surplus funds (OROC)	Amount distributed
Dubbo Regional Council	\$147,665	\$31,304.98

13. CORRESPONDENCE

2019/084 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Quigley that the Orana Joint Organisation Board note the correspondence report.

CARRIED

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14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil

MATTERS OF URGENCY (Cont'd)

2019/085 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Batten that the Orana Joint Organisation write to Local Members, NSW Premier, NSW Deputy Premier, Minister for Western NSW and Minister for Local Government requesting direct payment to Councils for rate relief in drought affected areas of NSW as a matter of urgency.

CARRIED

15. NEXT MEETING

Moved Cr Donald that the Orana Joint Organisation Board meet at NSW Parliament House in place of travelling to Canberra.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

It was noted that the Board Meeting scheduled for 26 March 2020 will be held at Parliament House Canberra, and the following meeting to be held at Parliament House Sydney.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.37 pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 10) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of _____ 2020, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 9 December 2019.

Chair