MEETING OF: Orana Joint Organisation
DATE: 4 March 2019
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Warrumbungle Shire Council Chambers

ATTENDEES:
Cr D Batten (Chair) Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr D Todd Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr C Davies Mayor, Narromine Shire Council
Cr M Quigley Mayor, Warren Shire Council
Cr D Kennedy Mayor, Mid-Western Regional Council
David Neeves General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Roger Bailey General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Glenn Wilcox General Manager, Warren Shire Council
Derek Francis General Manager, Bogan Shire Council
Simon Jones Acting General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council
Belinda Barlow Interim Executive Officer Orana Joint Organisation
Carolyne Marchant (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES:
Cr R Donald OAM Mayor, Bogan Shire Council
Jane Redden General Manager, Narromine Shire Council
Brad Cam General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council
Mr A Albury NSW Premier and Cabinet, Director Western NSW

WELCOME:
The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.28am and requested Cr Todd welcome those present to the Warrumbungle Shire.

GUESTS
1. Damien Pfeiffer – Director, Regions Western NSW - NSW Planning and Environment
2. Nick Berry – Director Strategy and Engagement Transport for NSW via telephone
   Luke Homann – Director, Connecting Central West and Orana Program
   Transport for NSW via telephone

The Chair thanked the presenters for their presentations and their time.
minutes

BOARD MEETING ITEMS

1. APOLOGIES:

2019/001 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Davies that the apologies of Cr R Donald, Mrs J Redden, Mr B Cam and Mr A Albury be accepted.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 17 DECEMBER 2018

2019/002 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Davies that the Minutes of the Meeting held 17 December 2018 be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. RECRUITMENT PROCESS – EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chair advised that this item would be discussed in conjunction with the Urgent Business without Notice item after Agenda Item No. 9.

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORTS

a. MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

2019/003 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Quigley that Orana JO adopt the draft Model Code of Meeting practice which is to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, allowing 42 days for public submissions to be made.

CARRIED

b. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT and PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

2019/004 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Kennedy that Orana JO adopt the 2018 Model Code of Conduct and procedures for Administration of the Model Code of Conduct.

CARRIED

C. SIX MONTHLY PROGRESS AND EXPENDITURE REPORT TO OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

2019/005 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Todd that the progress and expenditure report for the Orana JO Establishment Funding is accepted.

CARRIED
d. NSW JOINT ORGANISATION NETWORK ADVOCACY
2019/006 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Davies that the Board note the correspondence submitted to the NSW Government by the NSW Joint Organisation network and Orana JO for ongoing operational funding to Joint Organisations.
CARRIED

e. OUTCOMES FROM GENERAL MANAGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
2019/007 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Todd that the Orana JO Board note the General Managers Advisory Committee Meeting outcomes.
CARRIED

Federal Government DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME:
2019/008 RESOLVED Crs Quigley/Todd resolved:
1. that each Member Council is to consider if a 'rate rebate' is the highest priority for drought assistance if the Federal Government is to offer a second round of Drought Communities Programme funding; and
2. that if a 'rate rebate' is considered the highest priority in the region, then the Orana JO is to make representation to the Federal Member for Parkes to pursue such assistance.
CARRIED

State Government drought assistance
2019/009 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Quigley that:
1. the Orana JO member councils consider ways in which State Government can best provide drought assistance / relief; and
2. that any such proposal or initiative be reported to the Orana JO for further consideration at its next meeting; and
3. that this does not preclude each council pursuing their own representation for action to the Federal and State Governments in respect of drought assistance.
CARRIED

7. REPORTS TO THE JOINT ORGANISATION
a. TRANSITION TO A JOINT ORGANISATION SUMMARY AND TIMELINE
2019/010 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Davies that the Orana Joint Organisation Board note the Orana JO Transition Plan.
CARRIED

b. INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER ACTIVITIES REPORT
2019/011 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Quigley that the Orana Joint Organisation Board note the Interim Executive Officer activities report.
CARRIED

11.20am break for morning tea, meeting recommenced at 11.30 am.
7. REPORTS TO THE JOINT ORGANISATION (cont’d)
c. ORANA JO ALTERNATE FREIGHT TRANSPORT ROUTE
   Strategic Priority 1 – A Connected Region

2019/012 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Kennedy that:
   1. The Orana JO Board establishes the Orana JO Infrastructure Subcommittee.
   2. The Orana JO Board determines the appropriate representatives to the Orana JO Infrastructure Subcommittee being General Managers, operational staff and relevant government agency representatives as identified in the Orana JO Statement of Regional Strategic Priorities.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

2019/013 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Todd that the correspondence received is noted.

CARRIED

9. SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Nil

10. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE REPORT – Correspondence received from NSW Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Water the Hon Niall Blair MLC

2019/014 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Kennedy that:
   1. the advice provided to the Orana JO by the NSW Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Water is noted; and
   2. it be noted Gilgandra Shire Council is to pursue the matter further with LGNSW and NSW Planning and Environment.

CARRIED

11. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO THE ORANA JO BOARD MEETING – correspondence received from NSW Deputy Premier The Hon John Barilaro recurrent JO funding

2019/015 RESOLVED Crs Davies/Kennedy that the correspondence received from NSW Deputy Premier is noted.

CARRIED
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Recruitment Process

2019/016 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Davies:
Noting a lack of support and response from staff of NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet and NSW Office of Local Government as well as the inability, to date, for the Orana Joint Organisation to provide evidence of any tangible benefit of membership accrued to the member councils;
1. that at this time the Orana Joint Organisation Board not proceed with the recruitment of a full-time Executive officer; and
2. that an extraordinary meeting of the Orana JO Board be convened in Gilgandra on Monday 29 April 2019 at 10.00am for the purpose of considering the future of the Orana Joint Organisation and its structure.

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting closed 12.27 pm.
The Minutes (pages 1 to 5) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of                        2019, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 4 March 2019.

Chair