

1. MAYORAL DIARYDecember, 2017:

December 14, Meeting ARTC Senior Staff
Inland Rail Meeting - USMC
December 16, Pink Pigeon Bowls Evening

January, 2018:

January 9, Inspection Medical Centre Extensions
January 10, Media Meeting Mitchell Highway Trangie
January 11, Meeting Department of Premier and Cabinet - Regional
Director Dubbo - Mayors Office
January 15, Hon Barnaby Joyce – Peak Hill – Inland Rail Announcement
January 18, Meeting Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services –
Town Tour
January 19, Meeting ARTC – Alignment Concerns
January 24, Councillors Informal Discussion
January 25, Dinner with Australia Day Ambassador
January 26, Australia Day Function - Trangie

February, 2018:

February 1, Joint Organisations Presentation Cobar
February 7, Newell Highway Taskforce Meeting – Gilgandra

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARYDecember, 2017:

December 20, Narromine Hospital Christmas Luncheon

January, 2018:

January 24, Junior Gliding Official Opening
Councillors Informal Discussion
January 25, Dinner with Australia Day Ambassador
January 26, Australia Day Celebrations

February, 2018:

February 1, Joint Organisations Presentation Cobar

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

3. OROC BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 2017

The OROC Board met on Friday 1 December 2017 at the Trangie Agricultural Research Centre. Notable matters considered included the Western Slopes Pipeline Project; the Inland Rail project; formation of a Regional Joint Organisation; and expressions of interest projects to be submitted by the Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance to the NSW Safe and Secure Water Program. Minutes of the board meeting are attached for information (**see Attachment No. 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Cr Craig Davies
Mayor

Minutes of the OROC Board Meeting
held at
NSW DPI - Trangie Agricultural Research Centre
Mitchell Highway Trangie
on Friday 1st December 2017
at 9.05 am

1. Meeting Open

Chair: Clr Doug Batten, OROC Chair

Present: Clr Michael Webb, Mayor Coonamble Shire; Rick Warren, General Manager Coonamble Shire; Clr Ian Woodcock Mayor Walgett Shire Council; Don Ramsland, General Manager Walgett Shire Council; Leeanne Ryan, Acting General Manager Warrumbungle Shire Council; Clr Peter Shinton, Mayor Warrumbungle Shire; Clr Ben Shields, Mayor Dubbo Regional Council; David Neeves, General Manager Gilgandra Shire Council; Brad Cam General Manager Mid-Western Regional; Clr Ray Donald, Mayor Bogan Shire; Clr Glen Neill, Deputy Mayor Bogan Shire; Jeff Sowiak, General Manager Brewarrina Shire General Manager; Clr Phillip O'Connor, Brewarrina Shire; Clr Barry Holman, Mayor Bourke Shire; Ross Earl, General Manager Bourke Shire; Jane Redden, General Manager Narromine Shire; Clr Craig Davies, Mayor Narromine Shire; Peter Vlatko, General Manager, Cobar Shire; Clr Peter Abbott, Deputy Mayor Cobar Shire; Clr Doug Batten, Mayor Gilgandra Shire; David Neeves, General Manager Gilgandra Shire and Belinda Barlow OROC Executive Officer.

Guests: The Hon Rick Colless, MLC Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources and Western NSW; Mr Kevin Humphries, Member for Barwon; Ashley Albury, NSW Department Premier and Cabinet Director Western NSW Regional Coordination Branch; Don Murray Regional Infrastructure Coordinator's Office; Nick White, Regional Infrastructure Coordinator's Office; Daryl McGregor, LMWUA; David Swann, LMWUA; Melissa Gibbs, NSW Office of Local Government.

Apologies: Clr Des Kennedy, Mayor Mid-Western Regional; Clr Lilliane Brady, Mayor Cobar Shire; Derek Francis, General Manager Bogan Shire and Central Darling Shire Council.

Clr Doug Batten acknowledged and warmly welcomed Clr Ben Shields Mayor Dubbo Regional Council to the OROC Board Meeting.

Welcome to Narromine Shire Council

Clr Craig Davies, Mayor Narromine Shire Council warmly welcomed the OROC Board Members and guests to Trangie Agricultural Research Centre and to the Narromine Shire.

Apologies

Motion: *That the apologies be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Clr Doug Batten

Seconded: Clr Peter Abbott

CARRIED

2 Guests

**2.1 Jim Fjeldsoe APA Access and Approvals Manager
Western Slopes Pipeline Project**

An update of the Western Slopes Pipeline Project was provided to the OROC Board.
A copy of this presentation is to be supplied to each OROC Member Council.

Motion: *That the Mr Fjeldsoe be thanked for attending the OROC Board Meeting.*

Moved: Clr Doug Batten

Seconded: Clr Ray Donald

CARRIED

At this juncture Mr Fjeldsoe left the meeting.

2.2 Inland Rail Olivia Newman and Mitch Carr - ARTC

A comprehensive overview of the Inland Rail project was provided to the OROC Board.
A copy of the presentation is to be supplied to each OROC Member Council.

Motion: *That Ms Newman and Mr Carr be thanked for attending the OROC Board Meeting.*

Moved: *Clr Doug Batten*

Seconded: *Jane Redden*

CARRIED

At this juncture Olivia Newman and Mitch Carr left the meeting.

3 Regional Joint Organisations

The OROC Board had before it a report supplied by OROC Executive Officer examining matters in respect to the recent Local Government Amendment (Regional Joint Organisations) Bill 2017. This Bill was passed by the NSW Parliament on Wednesday 22nd November 2017.

Melissa Gibbs from Office of Local Government, Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries and Ashley Albury NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet led discussions in respect to Joint Organisations. Key points of interest are listed below:

- There has been strong support from the Local Government sector in the establishment of Joint Organisations.
- The 3 core functions of a Joint Organisation have now been legislated - Joint Organisations will be able to undertake expanded and additional activities as required. Councils will be able to devolve responsibilities to a JO; however this must be agreed by the JO and members.
- Office of Local Government (OLG) and NSW Premier and Cabinet have been working closely together during the local government reform process and both agencies will have an intrinsic role in establishing Joint Organisations across regional NSW.
- A JO will be an entity in its own right (body corporate under the LG Act) therefore it will require an ABN, it will need to appoint an Executive Officer and be declared as non-national employer, any additional employees (of a JO) will be engaged under the Local Government Award.
- \$3.3 Million contribution from State Government will be split across regional NSW to assist the establishment of JOs.
- The Local Government (Regional JO) Amendment Bill allows Councils to voluntarily join a Joint Organisation. The process involves a Council to make a resolution to join as a member of a Joint Organisation; the Minister for Local Government can only assign a Council to a JO if such Council has passed a resolution.
- Far West Councils have been invited to join a JO of their choice or form their own JO.
- There are a number of phases to come before Joint Organisations are operational by 1st July 2018:
 - Correspondence has been sent to all Far West Councils inviting them to join as a full member of a JO.
 - Remaining Mayors (outside of Far West) will all receive correspondence from Minister for Local Government and Deputy Premier inviting them to join a JO.
 - Correspondence will be sent to each General Manager Chief Executive Office of Local Government that will provide guidance and support (Starter Pack) in respect to making a decision/resolution to join a Joint Organisation.
 - Staff from Office of Local Government can attend council workshops and assist with facilitation and guidance in respect to Councils' determining a position to join a Joint Organisation.

1.2

Motion: That OROC supports to form a Regional Joint Organisation with the current OROC membership and that each Council resolve their own position by way of a Council resolution prior to the next OROC meeting.

Moved: *Clr Ray Donald*

Seconded: *Clr Peter Shinton*

CARRIED

That Office of Local Government be contacted if there is any further clarification required in respect to Joint Organisations

At this juncture Melissa Gibbs, Kevin Humphries, Ashley Albury, Don Murray and Nick White left the meeting.

4 Minutes of previous OROC Board Meeting held 4th August 2017

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting of OROC Board held in Mudgee on Friday 4th August 2017 be accepted.*

Moved: *Clr Michael Webb*

Seconded: *Clr Ray Donald*

CARRIED

4.1 Business arising from previous OROC Board Meeting held 4th August 2017 LED Street Lighting

Motion: *That the report in respect to sustainable LED Street Lighting strategy be noted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: *Clr Barry Holman*

Seconded: *Clr Glenn Neil*

CARRIED

5 Minutes of previous GMAC Minutes held 6th October 2017

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting of GMAC held in Dubbo on Friday 6th October 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved: *Jane Redden*

Seconded: *Brad Cam*

CARRIED

Motion: *That the 9 recommendations and 19 determinations emanating from GMAC be adopted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: *Jane Redden*

Seconded: *Brad Cam*

CARRIED

Recommendations:

- 1: The OROC acknowledge Steve Loane's contribution and friendship to the OROC Member Councils and to the region.
- 2: The OROC acknowledge Michael Kneipp's contribution and friendship to the OROC Member Councils and to the region.
- 3: That GMAC acknowledge and warmly welcome Glenn Wilcox to his first GMAC meeting as General Manager Warren Shire Council.
- 4: That the minutes of the GMAC Meeting held on 7th July 2017 be adopted.
- 5: That the persons listed in Schedule 1 of the Code of Conduct Panel Membership report be accepted as the OROC Regional Code of Conduct Panel and that each member council reports this as the adopted Panel Membership to their council.
- 6: That GMAC conceptually support the development of the four (4) proposed Expressions of Interest projects to be submitted by LMWUA/OROC to NSW Safe and Secure Water Program, pending the support of the LMWUA Technical Committee and the OROC Board –
 - i) OROC Weather Radar Project
 - ii) LMWUA Water Loss Project
 - iii) LMWUA Bore Condition Assessments
 - iv) LMWUA Telemetry and SCADA upgrade

- 7: That the OROC Chair and Deputy Chair further progress the necessary action to meet with The Hon John Barilaro NSW Deputy Premier to discuss the matter of street lighting ownership in the OROC region.
- 8: That OROC Executive Officer extends an invitation to NSW Crown Lands to provide an update to OROC Board Members in respect to the key changes to the Crown Lands Management Act 2016.
- 9: That GMAC support Cobar Shire Council and Mid-Western Regional Council to represent OROC Members to the LGNSW/RMS RMCC Steering Committee.

Determinations:

- 1: That the apologies be accepted.
- 2: That the presentation supplied by Linda Bostock CEO of StateCover be noted.
- 3: That the information supplied by Peter Christie NSW Office of Environment be noted.
- 4: That the information supplied by Natalie Forsyth-Stock NSW Office of Regional Development be noted.
- 5: That the information supplied by Mark Coulton Federal Member for Parkes be noted.
- 6: That the report supplied in respect to the NSW Office of Sport 'planning for regional service delivery' be noted.
- 7: That the report supplied in respect to the Expressions of Interest received for the OROC Regional Code of Conduct Panel Members be noted.
- 8: That the LMWUA Asset Management Group Progress Report be noted.
- 9: That the Orana Region Road Hierarchy and Functional Road Classification Report (V3) be noted as the final version.
- 10: That the report supplied in respect to the finalisation of the Far West Regional Plan be noted by GMAC.
- 11: That the information supplied by LMWUA Project Officer in respect to the Productivity Commission's National Water Reform Draft Report be noted.
- 12: That the OROC Correspondence be noted.
- 13: That the OROC Financial report for period ending 30th September 2017 be noted.
- 14: That the Executive Officer's report be noted.
- 15: That the OROC HR & LD Team report supplied by Derek Francis Sponsoring General Manager be noted.
- 16: That the OROC HR & LD Meeting minutes 3 August 2017 be noted.
- 17: That the LMWUA Asset Management Group Meeting minutes 7 September 2017 be noted.
- 18: That the LMWUA Asset Management Group Meeting minutes 18 July 2017 be noted.
- 19: That the Regional Organisation of Councils Executive Officer Meeting minutes 26 September 2017 be noted.

OROC Board Regional Issues

5.1 OROC Regional Code of Conduct Panel

Motion: *That the OROC Regional Code of Conduct Panel report be noted.*

Moved: *Clr Michael Webb*

Seconded: *Clr Barry Holman*

CARRIED

6. OROC Correspondence

Motion: *That the OROC correspondence be accepted.*

Moved: *Clr Craig Davies*

Seconded: *Clr Ian Woodcock*

CARRIED

7. OROC Financial Report

Motion: *That the OROC financial report for the period ending 30th September 2017 be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: *Clr Peter Shinton*

Seconded: *Clr Philip O'Connor*

CARRIED

8. OROC Executive Officer's Report

Motion: *That the OROC Executive Officer's Report be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Jane Redden

Seconded: Clr Michael Webb

CARRIED

9 Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance

9.1 Project Officer's Report

Motion: *That the LMWUA Project Officer's report be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Don Ramsland

Seconded: Glenn Wilcox

CARRIED

9.2 Safe and Secure Funding Applications

Motion: *i) That the OROC Board supports a Sub-Committee to be established for the purposes of reviewing LMWUA Project Officer's Safe and Secure Water Program Funding applications.*

ii) That the OROC Board supports the LMWUA Project Officer to submit applications to the NSW Safe and Secure Water Program once the Sub-Committee has finalised the review process.

Moved: Jane Redden

Seconded: Don Ramsland

CARRIED

9.3 Drinking Water Quality Committees

The OROC Board had before it information in respect to Drinking Water Quality Committees. Bogan Shire Council requested that this matter be addressed by GMAC at its next meeting.

The OROC Board noted the report.

9.4 LMWUA Financial Report

Motion: *That the LMWUA Financial report be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Ross Earl

Seconded: Clr Ian Woodcock

CARRIED

9.5 Minutes of LMWUA Technical and Asset Management Group meetings

Motion: *That the LMUWA Technical Meeting Minutes and Asset Management Group minutes be noted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Glenn Wilcox

Seconded: Clr Ian Woodcock

CARRIED

9.6 Air Freight Services in Western NSW

Walgett Shire Council advised the OROC Board that Toll Air is no longer servicing western ports as a courier of water samples for testing. LMWUA Project Officer is to investigate this issue further.

10. General Business

10.1 Future Transport 2056

Motion: *That the Future Transport 2056 Plan reported be noted.*

Moved: Don Ramsland

Seconded: Clr Craig Davies

CARRIED

10.2 Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance

Motion: *That the Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance information be noted.*

Moved: Don Ramsland

Seconded: Clr Craig Davies

CARRIED

10.3 Local Government Awards

Motion: *That the report recognising Local Government Achievement in the OROC region to be considered by GMAC at its next meeting.*

Moved: Glenn Wilcox

Seconded: Clr Peter Shinton

CARRIED

10.4 Electricity Contracts – large contestable sites and street lighting

Motion: *That the electricity reports supplied by Energy and Management Services be addressed and considered by General Managers Advisory Committee and advice be shared between member councils.*

Moved: Brad Cam

Seconded: Jane Redden

CARRIED

10.5 Recognition of Mark Riley former General Manager Dubbo Regional Council

Motion: *That the OROC Board acknowledge Mark Riley's significant and invaluable contribution all OROC Member Councils and the OROC Board express much gratification to Mark's leadership and service to local government.*

Moved: Clr Doug Batten

Seconded: Brad Cam

CARRIED

10.6 Container Deposit Scheme

OROC Member Councils discussed the lack of flexibility and convenience in respect to the Container Deposit Scheme, particularly in rural areas.

11. Close / Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

The next OROC Board Meeting is to be held on Friday 9th March 2018.