



MINUTES

8 November 2019 - Moree

Venue:	Moree Plains Shire Council Chamber	Date:	Friday 8 November 2019
Chair:	Cr Peter Petty - Tenterfield	Time:	10.31 am
Attendees:	Cr Peter Petty, Cr Brian Murray, Noelene Hyde	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	Cr Stephen Ritchie, Angus Witherby	Moree Plains Shire Council	
	Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Kate Dight	Inverell Shire Council	
	Cr Rick McDougall, Carl Manton	Goondiwindi Regional Shire	
	Cr Richard Marsh, CEO Matthew Magin	Balonne Regional Council	
	Cr John Coulton	Gwydir Shire Council	
	Cr Ian Woodcock	Walgett Shire Council	
	Trudi Bartlett	RDA Darling Downs South West	
	Russell Stewart	RDA Northern Inland	
	Kym Murphy	QLD Transport & Main Roads	
	Mayor John Ferguson, Donna Hobbs	Bulloo Shire Council (Observers)	
	Ann Leahy MP	Member for Warrego	
File Ref:	NAM20203		

1.	Meeting Open: 10.31 am	
2.	Apologies	
	Cr Neil Meiklejohn	Southern Downs Regional Council
	Cr Manuel Martinez, GM Greg Ingham	Walgett Shire Council
	CE Terry Dodds	Tenterfield Shire Council
	Cr Francis Young	Gwydir Shire Council
	Moved: Walgett that the Apologies be accepted. Seconded: Inverell CARRIED	
3.	Minutes of Meeting - 9 August 2019 (Walgett)	
	Moved: Walgett that the Minutes be accepted. Seconded: Tenterfield CARRIED	

4.	Correspondence																										
4.1	<p>Inwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Statements Warwick Credit Union & National Australia Bank • Fixed Term Certificate – Warwick Credit Union • Linda Keeshan – Director Intergovernmental Relations – Dept Premier & Cabinet – Queensland Government 																										
4.2	<p>Outwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 																										
4.3	<p>Matters arising from Correspondence</p> <p>Position of Cross Border Commissioner With reference to correspondence by Linda Keeshan – discussion took place regarding the appointment of a Cross Border Commissioner position in Queensland (currently NSW/Victoria but not NSW/Queensland).</p> <p>Moved: Inverell that BROC contract the Queensland Opposition Leader and current Queensland Government to promote the appointment of a Queensland Cross Border Commissioner and request BROC Councils for support from Mayors/Councillors.</p> <p>Seconded: Goondiwindi</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>																										
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	Interest Paid 2%	\$ 106.21
	Transfer Out – General Account	\$ 21,179.67
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	Reinvested 22 Oct 2019 @ 1.6%	\$ 11,179.85
	Maturity Date – 22 January 2020	
5.2	<p>Matters arising from Financial Report ACTION: Noelene to check on outstanding membership payments.</p> <p>Moved: Tenterfield that the Financial Report be accepted. Seconded: Walgett</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
6.	Guest Speakers	
6.1	<p>The Coffey Scheme – A Water Infrastructure Plan for the Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Graeme Shu, Mayor Goondiwindi Regional Council • Sam Coulton, Goondiwindi Cotton • Bruce McCollum • Daryl Cleeve, Dumaresq Water Users • Mike Henderson • Glen Smith <p>Mr Daryl Cleeve presented to the meeting, outlining the opportunities for water management for border rivers communities through transfer of excess water from the Clarence River to the Murray Darling Basin.</p> <p>Presentation attached.</p> <p>Moved: Gwydir that BROOC support and become a driver for the Coffey Scheme with the Chair to form a delegation and organise a meeting with the politicians in the relevant areas. Seconded: Tenterfield</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
11.34	Morning Tea – The Meeting adjourned for morning tea, resuming at 11.47 am.	
6.2	<p>Member for Warrego, Ann Leahy MP</p> <p>Attending BROOC for the first time, Ms Leahy addressed the meeting, stressing the importance of pushing forward with the current opportunities to address water issues across the border rivers region. A lot of money is being offered by the Federal Government to pursue positive outcomes in regional Australia.</p> <p>ACTION: Invitation to be sent to Shadow Member for Local Government (Qld) to attend the BROOC meeting at St George in February 2020.</p>	
6.3	<p>Moree Integrated Transport & Intermodal Program & What It Means for the Region</p> <p>Mr Brad Turner, Consulting Program Director for Moree Plains Shire Council gave a presentation on the layout and infrastructure requirements for the Moree Integrated Transport & Intermodal Program to enhance the movement of freight within the Moree town boundaries for the Inland Rail Project.</p>	

	Presentation attached.
	<p>Update – Border Regions Transport Study Mr Angus Witherby, Director Planning & Community Development, Moree Plains Shire Council, provided an update on the Border Regions Transport Study and his progress to date on the application for funding for the Study through the Federal Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program.</p> <p>As resolved at the BROOC meeting of 9 August 2019, \$10,000 has been transferred to Moree Plains Shire Council for application preparation costs for the funding to update the Study.</p>
7.	Items Listed
7.1	<p>Goondiwindi Regional Shire – Murray Darling Association AGM – Region 12 Motion Noted information provided.</p>
7.2	<p>Road Network Strategy – New England Joint Organisation Noted information provided. Noted that the Road handback will involve 12 to 18 months of consultation and 2 rounds of road handbacks, the first round estimated to be the second half of 2020.</p> <p>ACTION: Chair of BROOC and Bruxner Way Joint Committee to seek information from the State Government regarding the extended timeframe as this matter was an election promise.</p>
8.	General Business
8.1	<p>Trudi Bartlett – RDA Darling Downs South West Ms Bartlett updated the meeting on issues facing RDA Darling Downs South West including the work they are doing in the migrant space. She advised that 900 migrants (humanitarian refugees) relocated to Toowoomba in the last financial year and 750 were expected in the 2019/2020 period.</p>
8.2	<p>Russell Stewart –RDA Northern Inland Mr Stewart also spoke of immigration and the work RDANI are doing with Councils in the region.</p> <p>He also addressed the \$1m drought and community funding available, suggesting that Councils should consider using the funds to provide interest free loans to small businesses to pay off their debts as a lot of small business in regional areas will go to the wall because of held accounts.</p>
9.	<p>Next Meeting – 10.00 am, Friday, 14 February 2020 Balonne Regional Council, Emergency Centre, Grey Street, St George</p>
10.	Meeting Closed – 12.43 pm

ACTION ITEM LOG			
Officer	Item	Listed	Outcome
Exec	Reinvite Mr Newton (Bindaree Beef) to a future meeting	15/02/19	
Exec	Border Regions Transport Study – Update on Funding Opportunity Allocate \$10,000 towards application preparation costs with Moree Shire Council happy to co-ordinate the application to the study.	09/08/19	Awaiting transfer of funds to Moree
Exec	Exclusion Fencing That BROCC write to the relevant NSW State Minister with a view to amending the Legislation regarding the special rates scheme with particular respect to exclusion fencing and make representations to IPART.	09/08/19	O/S