



# MINUTES

## 14 August 2020 – Zoom Meeting (COVID-19 Restrictions Applying)

<b>Venue:</b>	Zoom Meeting	<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 14 August 2020
<b>Chair:</b>	Cr Peter Petty - Tenterfield	<b>Time:</b>	9.00 am
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mayor Samatha O'Toole CEO Matthew Magin	Balonne Shire Council	
	Cr Jason Watts CEO Carl Manton	Goondiwindi Regional Council	
	Mayor John Coulton GM Max Eastcott, Ms Robyn Phillips	Gwydir Shire Council	
	Cr Kate Dight	Inverell Shire Council	
	Mr Angus Witherby	Moree Plains Shire Council	
	Cr Andrew Gale	Southern Downs Regional Council	
	Chair – Mayor Peter Petty Cr Brian Murray CE Terry Dodds Sec/Treasurer Noelene Hyde	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	GM Michael Urquart	Walgett Shire Council	
	Mayor John Ferguson CEO Lew Rojahn Donna Hobbs	Bulloo Shire Council	
	Mr James McTavish	Cross Border Commissioner	
	Ms Ann Leahy MP	Member for Warrego	
	Ms Katie Williams	Qld Dept Premier & Cabinet	
	Ms Trudi Bartlett	RDA Darling Downs & South West	
	Mr Damon Meadows, Mr Michael Watson, Ms Joanne Murrell, Ms Helen Chan	Qld Dept Local Government, Racing & Multicultural Affairs	
	Ms Jo Tait	Australian Rail Track Corporation	
	Mr Russell Stewart	RDA Northern Inland	
	Ms Kym Murphy	Dept Transport & Main Roads Qld	
	Ms Sally Dickinson	Murray Darling Basin Authority	
	Mr Tim Breen	Guest Speaker – Nilwaste Energy	
<b>File Ref:</b>	G/21		

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Meeting Open:</b>                  In opening the meeting, Chair Cr Peter Petty welcomed all attendees and thanked them for supporting BROC in attending this meeting via Zoom.</p> <p>The Chair expressed his sincere sympathy and condolences, on behalf of BROC, to Mayor of Goondiwindi, The Hon Lawrence Springborg AM and family on the</p>
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	<p>recent untimely passing of his daughter Megan.</p> <p>Paroo Shire Council have indicated an interest in joining BROC. Acting CEO, Mr Sean Rice was to attend as an observer but unfortunately was unable to do so.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Mayor Lawrence Springborg AM, Cr Lachlan Brennan, Cr Rob McKenzie	Goondiwindi Regional Council
	Cr Frances Young	Gwydir Shire Council
	Cr Stephen Ritchie	Moree Plains Shire Council
	Mayor Vic Pennisi	Southern Downs Regional Council
	Mayor Manuel Martinez, Cr Ian Woodcock, Cr Kelly Smith	Walgett Shire Council
	Ms Janelle Saffin MP	Member for Lismore
	Ms Heidi Roberts	Dept Natural Resources, Mines & Energy Qld
	<p><b>Moved:</b> Inverell that the apologies be accepted. <b>Seconded:</b> Gwydir <b>CARRIED</b></p>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting</b>	
3.1	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
	<p><b>The Coffey Scheme – A Water Infrastructure Plan for the Future</b> Chair, Cr Peter Petty referred to the formation of a delegation to meet with relevant politicians. Advised that he has had some initial discussions but the COVID crisis has delayed any meetings.</p> <p>He stressed that the proposed Mole River Dam Project is the focus at the moment.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Carried Over</b> <i>That BROC 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.</i></p> <p><b>Letters of Support – Border Region Inland Rail Connectivity Project</b> Deputy Chair, Cr Kate Dight advised that a letter would be forthcoming from Inverell Shire Council for forwarding to Moree Plains Shire Council.</p>	
	<p><b>Moved:</b> Inverell that the Minutes be accepted. <b>Seconded:</b> Tenterfield <b>CARRIED</b></p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
4.1	<p><b>Inwards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Statements – Warwick Credit Union &amp; National Australia Bank</li> <li>• Term Deposit Account Statement – National Australia Bank</li> <li>• Fixed Term Certificate – Warwick Credit Union</li> <li>• Ann Leahy MP – Re Appointment of a Queensland Cross Border Commissioner</li> <li>• Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development &amp;</li> </ul>	

	<p>Communications – Success of Submission for Interface Development Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office of the Premier of Queensland – Creation of a Cross Border Commissioner role in Queensland</li> <li>• Southern Downs Regional Council – Appointment of Cr Andrew Gale to BROC</li> <li>• Goondiwindi Regional Council – Appointment of Cr Rob Mackenzie to BROC</li> <li>• Late Item – Water Forum – NSW Water Directorate – 16 July 2020 (Cr Kate Dight)</li> <li>• Late Item – Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy Meeting Notes – Presented by the DPIE – July 2020 (Cr Kate Dight)</li> </ul>																												
	<p><b>Moved:</b> Balonne that the Inwards Correspondence be received and noted.  <b>Seconded:</b> Southern Downs Regional Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>																												
4.2	<p><b>Outwards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of Support – Tenterfield Shire Council – Requested Appointment of a Qld Cross Border Commissioner</li> <li>• Bulloo Shire – Advice of BROC Membership</li> <li>• Warwick Credit Union – Request to Waive Fee</li> </ul>																												
	<p><b>Moved:</b> Inverell that the Outwards Correspondence be noted.  <b>Seconded:</b> Gwydir Shire Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>																												
4.3	<p><b>Matters arising from Correspondence</b>  Nil.</p>																												
<b>5.</b>	<b>Financial Report as at 7 August 2020</b>																												
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	<p><b>Moved</b> Gwydir that the Financial Report be accepted. <b>Seconded:</b> Balonne <b>CARRIED</b></p>														
5.2	<p><b>Matters arising from Financial Report</b></p> <p>5.2.2 <b>NAB Account 69-022-2187</b> <b>Moved</b> Gwydir: That BROCC apply for a Credit Card to be attached to this account in the name of the current Treasurer (Noelene Hyde) with the card to be cancelled and reissued as the Executive Council changes. <b>Seconded:</b> Balonne <b>CARRIED</b></p>														
<b>6.</b>	<b>Speakers</b>														
	<p><b>Ms Ann Leahy MP – Member for Warrego</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Leahy addressed the issue of a Cross Border Commission for Queensland, giving a commitment that if the LNP are successful in the upcoming State election, they will deliver on this promise of a Cross Border Commissioner in Qld. This will be a regional appointment with the position based in the regional area and not in Brisbane.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr James McTavish – Cross Border Commissioner/Regional Water Co-ordinator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr McTavish referred to the huge social, health and economic impacts currently being experienced by all border communities (including the ACT) with regard to current COVID restrictions for border crossings. He is engaging with the Qld Premier’s Office and taking very strong approaches with both the Premier and Health Minister.</li> <li>In reference to his role as Regional Water Co-ordinator, Mr McTavish advised that with the easing of drought conditions there are only a few Councils remaining with severe water issues, however the issues of supply, quality and security still need to be addressed. The Minister has given a commitment to ensure that open conversation remains with these Councils and in this regard acknowledges the assistance and lateral thinking that has enabled water security for Tenterfield.</li> <li>With respect to the Commissioner’s office, Mr McTavish advised he now has an assistant (Emma Watts) based in Queanbeyan. The Business Plan and Strategic Plan have been rewritten and are currently with the Minister. The new Plans will provide clarity for local government, the JO’s</li> </ul>														

and ROC's with a focus on achieving better outcomes for border communities.

- Bushfire enquiry – noted that there are substantial findings regarding communications and provision of public information during the fire events. The issues regarding cross border communications were far less between Qld and NSW than between NSW and Victoria. Mr McTavish also noted that relevant agencies in NSW/Qld have excellent day to day relationships.
- Memorandum of Understanding – awaiting approval and endorsement by the NSW Premier. Main issues highlighted in the MOU are:
  - Regional Economic Development
  - Improving Service Delivery
  - Simplification of Regulations for Businesses
  - Issues of National Significance
- Cross Border Infrastructure Fund – Mr McTavish advised that there is \$14 million remaining in the Fund. Please advise any suggested projects as he is very keen to get as many projects as possible lined up.
- Regional Stimulus and COVID response funding – Border specific stimulus is part of the focus. Please advise any issues that need to be brought to the attention of the Cross Border Commissioner as there is now that opportunity.

#### **Mr Tim Breen – Nilwaste Energy – Waste to Energy**

In opening his address, Mr Breen thanked Tenterfield Shire Council, and particularly Chief Executive Terry Dodds, for the invitation to speak to BROCC members regarding a proposal to implement a shared, scalable commercial model for the provision of integrated waste management solutions to rural and regional economies.

- With the global population predicted to approach 9 billion by 2030, we are using more resources than the planet can provide. Our future depends on reusing what we have in a sustainable way. The economics of the Australian Waste Management Industry have changed dramatically over the past several years with the balance tipping in favour of recycling and remediation, and against the historical model of bury or burn.
- Pyrolysis is a proven efficient method involving the application of high and ultra-high heat indirectly to materials in a sealed chamber or retort. This causes volatile components of the feedstock to leave the chamber as a gas and the residual materials inert or as a biochar.
- Pyrolysis is not incineration and generates up to 95% less greenhouse gases in comparison to incineration. It is not permissible to commission new incinerators in Australia (Western Australia excluded).
- Nilwaste Energy has been selected to partner the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) to design and commission Nilwaste's proven and patented pyrolysis systems to demonstrate their performance in Australia.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage 1 of the trial will involve the demonstration pyrolysis plant (currently being built in Western Australia) being deployed in Brisbane as the first and only commercially available testing facility in Australia for both industry and government.</li> <li>• Stage 2 will commence following the demonstration trials, it is envisaged a small, mobile plant will be built which can be used to go from site to site.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved</b> Inverell: That Tenterfield Shire Council, on behalf of BROCC, seek seed funding to pursue waste to energy through the Cross Border Infrastructure Fund.</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Southern Downs Regional Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Items Listed</b>
7.1	<p><b>Balonne Shire Council – Hebel-Goodooga Road Link – Upgrade to Bitumen</b></p> <p>Chief Executive Officer Matthew Magin advised that Balonne Shire Council are currently actively seeking funding to upgrade the 6.63 km section of the Hebel-Goodooga Road that is located within the vicinity of Queensland and interconnects with the Castlereagh Highway in Hebel. Council are striving to improve the road from the existing gravel formation to a minimum standard 7m wide bituminous surface.</p> <p>The Hebel-Goodooga Link will reduce the travel distance for traffic on the Kamilaroi/Castlereagh Highway by 100 km by bypassing Walgett.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> Inverell: That BROCC provide a letter of support for the upgrade of the 6.63 km section of the Hebel-Goodooga Road.</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Gwydir</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
7.2	<p><b>Balonne Shire Council – Border Closures – Local Government</b></p> <p>Mayor Samatha O’Toole referred to the current Queensland/NSW border closures due to the COVID pandemic and the impact this is having on the economy of border communities.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> Inverell: That BROCC request a round table with the relevant NSW Minister regarding the border closures and issues.</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Gwydir</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><i>Mayor O’Toole indicated she would like to attend as an observer if possible. Similar meetings are being held with the Queensland Minister and the Queensland border Councils.</i></p>
7.3	<p><b>Balonne Shire Council - Cross Border Regional Deal – Statement of Intent Signed for Albury Wodonga</b></p> <p>Chief Executive Officer Matthew Magin referred to the recent, formal agreement by Federal, State and Local Government representatives to progress the development of an Albury-Wodonga Regional Deal. Initial Federal funding of \$3.1 million has been put towards strategic planning for the Deal, which will be</p>

	<p>the first cross-border deal made in Australia.</p> <p>Mr Magin suggested that the Deals seem to be focussed on city and big regional areas.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> Balonne: That BROC write to the Cross Border Commissioner, pushing for a cross border deal for smaller border Councils.  <b>Seconded:</b> Bulloo Shire</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
7.4	<p><b>Bulloo Shire Council – Warri Gate Road Upgrade</b></p> <p>Mayor John Ferguson advised that Bulloo Shire is seeking support for the upgrading of the Warri Gate Road which aligns with the objectives of both the Queensland and Federal Governments to create ongoing employment in a drought affected area and it will be an essential project to assist the Australian Government to support the Nation during recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.</p> <p>Council has for some time been making representation to both the Federal and State Governments, seeking support to construct the remaining 149 km of the Warri Gate Road. The Road extends from Noccundra to the Queensland border where it connects to the Silver City Highway which is currently being sealed by the NSW Government. Warri Gate Road is a connector road to this highway which will see the eventual sealing of a route that would connect Darwin, Mt Isa, the Tablelands and Central Queensland to Broken Hill, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.</p> <p>Council’s proposal to the Federal Government was to seek funding for \$74m over ten (10) years which would sustain Bulloo Shire Council as well as the regional contractors working in the area, with a commitment given from the LNP that it would be supportive if elected.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> Balonne: That BROC write to both the Queensland and NSW Minister for Roads requesting support for upgrading the 149 km of Warri Gate Road.  <b>Seconded:</b> Inverell</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
7.5	<p><b>Bulloo Shire Council – Queensland-NSW Cross Border Statement &amp; Worklist 2020/21</b></p> <p>Chief Executive Officer Lew Rojahn referred to the Draft Statement of Principles and Priorities for Cross-Border Collaboration 2020-2025. The Key Focus Areas highlighted in the document for cross-border collaboration are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional economic development;</li> <li>• Improving service delivery;</li> <li>• Simplifying regulation for residents, businesses and organisations; and</li> <li>• Issues of national significance</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<b>General Business</b>
8.1	<p><b>BROC Website</b></p> <p>Executive Officer Noelene Hyde advised that the BROC website lapsed in March 2020 and is seeking approval to have it reinstated and hosted through GoDaddy. Tenterfield Shire Council website staff have investigated options to reinstate the BROC website in a similar format with the domain name of</p>

	<p>borderroc.com.au.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> Balonne: That BROC approve Tenterfield Shire Council to reinstate the BROC website at a cost of approximately \$52.00 per annum and to provide regular maintenance and updates during the current term.</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Gwydir</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
8.2	<p><b>Bruxner Way Joint Committee</b></p> <p>Chair Mayor Peter Petty provided an updated on the situation regarding the proposed reclassification of the Bruxner Way which was an election promise of the NSW LNP.</p> <p>The Road Classification and Transfer Nomination – Stage 1 information has finally been distributed. Officers from Tenterfield Shire Council, Inverell Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council and Gwydir Shire Council will meet to discuss during the week.</p> <p>Stage 1 is a web based form asking each Council to nominate all roads, both priority and non-priority, planned to be submitted either for reclassification or transfer.</p> <p><i>Angus Witherby requested a copy of any information be provided to Moree Shire Council for the Consultants, as Bruxner Way is part of the Rail Interface.</i></p>
8.3	<p><b>Water Forum – NSW Water Directorate – 16 July 2020</b></p> <p>Deputy Chair Kate Dight attended this Forum via webinar.</p> <p>Main points raised by the NSW Minister for Water, The Hon Melinda Pavey MP were her support for building water infrastructure and a desire to introduce standardised water restrictions across the State.</p> <p>BROC Members raised the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not supported by Inverell Shire Council;</li> <li>• Each community is different and needs to be bespoke for individual towns as water is difficult to standardise;</li> <li>• Needs to be community rather than Shire based;</li> <li>• Concerns with water catchments and availability.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p><i>Kate Dight to raise the concerns of BROC members with James McTavish.</i></p>
8.4	<p><b>Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy Meeting Notes – Presented by DPIE – July 2020</b></p> <p>Deputy Chair Kate Dight attended this Forum via webinar.</p> <p>The key points raised related to projection of water use and availability 10,000 years into the climatic future. The climatic extremes already experienced have been used to predict what might occur. The “Dry Climate Change Scenario” indicates the need to build water storage in catchment areas in order to better manage rainfall events.</p>



8.5	<p><b>Other Issues</b></p> <p><b>Trudi Bartlett - RDA Darling Downs &amp; South West</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water is one of the top 5 priorities for Toowoomba Mayor Paul Antonio who is working with University of Southern Queensland (USQ) to map water across the border. This information could be used by all BROCC member Councils.</li> </ul> <p><b>Angus Witherby – Moree Plains Shire Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional digital connectivity program is work between Moree and Balonne Shire going ahead.</li> <li>The potential shut down of the 3G network is a major threat to many small communities.</li> <li>Will provide updates as available.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jo Tait – Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second phase of the interface has opened.</li> <li>Details to be forwarded for distribution to the BROCC group.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sally Dickinson – Murray Darling Basin Authority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted the appointment of Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd) as Chair of the Murray Darling Basin Authority.</li> </ul> <p><b>Damon Meadows - Qld Dept Local Government, Racing &amp; Multicultural Affairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congratulations to the BROCC group for number in attendance.</li> <li>Supports Paroo Shire's interest in joining BROCC.</li> <li>Takes note of any information for assistance they may be able to provide to the Queensland border Councils.</li> </ul> <p><b>Katie Williams – Queensland Dept of Premier &amp; Cabinet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Queensland/NSW Statement of Principles and Priorities for Cross Border Collaboration Draft 2020/21 Annual Work List.</li> <li>Looking forward to strengthening relationships and communications through the Work List.</li> </ul> <p><b>Chief Executive Officer Matthew Magin – Balonne Shire Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Given the number of issues being raised through BROCC, is there a need to establish working groups with particular Councils as facilitator?</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION</b>  <i>Executive Officer Noelene Hyde to add to the agenda for the November 2020 meeting.</i></p>
9.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b>  <b>Annual General Meeting &amp; Ordinary Meeting</b>  10.00 am, Friday, 13 November 2020  Amended venue is The Living Classroom, Bingara (Gwydir Shire Council to host).</p>
10.	<p><b>Meeting Closed</b>  12.18 pm</p>