



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13 November 2020 – Bingara (Gwydir Shire Council)

Venue:	The Living Classroom Narrabri Road, Bingara	Date:	Friday, 13 November 2020
Chair:	Cr Peter Petty - Tenterfield	Time:	10.50 am
Attendees:	Mayor Samatha O'Toole CEO Matthew Magin	Balonne Shire Council	
	Mayor Lawrence Springborg Cr Rob Mackenzie	Goondiwindi Regional Council	
	Mayor John Coulton Cr Catherine Egan Cr Tiffany Galvin GM Max Eastcott Mr David Coulton	Gwydir Shire Council	
	Cr Kate Dight	Inverell Shire Council	
	Cr Stephen Ritchie Mr James Maxwell	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	
	Mayor John Ferguson CEO Lew Rojahn Ms Donna Hobbs	Bulloo Shire Council	
	Ms Emma Watts	Office of Cross Border Commissioner (via Zoom)	
	Ms Katie Williams	Qld Dept Premier & Cabinet (via Zoom)	
	Ms Angela Doring	Australian Rail Track Corporation (via Zoom)	
	Mr Russell Stewart	RDA Northern Inland	
	Ms Kym Murphy	Dept Transport & Main Roads Qld (via Zoom)	
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1.	Meeting Open: Mayor John Coulton extended a welcome to everyone to the meeting on behalf of the Gwydir Shire Council.
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2.	Apologies	
	Cr Frances Young	Gwydir Shire Council
	GM Lester Rodgers Director Angus Witherby	Moree Plains Shire Council
	Ms Janelle Saffin MP	Member for Lismore
	Ann Leahy MP	Member for Warrego
	Trudi Bartlett	RDA Darling Downs & South West
	Moved: Tenterfield that the apologies be accepted. Seconded: Balonne CARRIED	
3.	Minutes of Meeting – Annual General Meeting – 8 November 2019	
3.1	Matters Arising from the Minutes Nil	
	Moved: Gwydir that the Minutes be accepted. Seconded: Inverell CARRIED	
4.	Chairman’s Report	
4.1	<p>Chair Peter Petty presented his Chairman’ Report:</p> <p><i>“As I write this, my second Chairman’s Report, I look back at the year that was and I am so grateful that we live in the Bush and have this Organisation which is even more important and resilient in these border lock down times.</i></p> <p><i>With having only had two meetings this year; the first in St George (Balonne Shire) in February 2020, and what a wonderful tour we had the day before, looking at irrigation works, exclusion fencing and horticultural industry in and around St George. Thank you.</i></p> <p><i>The second meeting was a Zoom meeting in August 2020, hosted by Tenterfield Shire Council and I thank everybody for making a huge effort to make that work as well as it did.</i></p> <p><i>During the year we welcomed another Border Council into the BROCC group, being Bulloo Shire, and I again welcome Mayor John Ferguson aka “Tractor” and his team to the Organisation making nine (9) affiliated Councils.</i></p> <p><i>Paroo Shire Council have also indicated an interest in joining and we are waiting to hear back from them, giving Ms Cassie White, their new Chief Executive Officer, time to settle into the role.</i></p> <p><i>I see our Group as only getting stronger and becoming a real voice in and around issues such as roads, waste, water, tourism and business and working together to make life so much better in our border regions.</i></p> <p><i>Coming from our last meeting, it was suggested we form working groups to help drive these issues to where they need to be which I fully support.</i></p> <p><i>Our relationship with our Cross Border Commissioner, Mr James McTavish, is a huge strength and he refers to us on many occasions.</i></p>	

	<p><i>Member for Warrego, Ann Leahy MP has been a regular attendee to this Group and has become a solid friend. Both NSW and Queensland RDA representatives have been regular attendees and they too, have strong links to this Group.</i></p> <p><i>We need to make these connections with our NSW and Queensland State Members, and also our Federal Members in Hon David Littleproud MP and Hon Barnaby Joyce MP and as Chair, I will work to make that happen.</i></p> <p><i>I thank Cr Kate Dight for her continued support as Deputy Chair and Noelene Hyde for the great job she does as our Secretary, and to you, our member Councils for your continued support and attendance at meetings.</i></p> <p><i>I am honoured to Chair this Group and the solid friendships we make, and the fact we don't view the border as an issue is such a great strength.</i></p> <p><i>God Bless and thank you. Cr Peter Petty"</i></p> <p>Moved: Tenterfield that the Chairman's Report be accepted. Seconded: Inverell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
5.	Audited Financial Report as at 30 September 2020 (tabled)
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 • Statement of Assets and Equity as at 30 September 2020 <p>Moved: Gwydir that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted. Seconded: Balonne</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
6.	Items Listed
6.1	Cr Petty vacated the Chair, Cr John Coulton acted as Returning Officer.
6.2	Nominations were called for the election of Chair Moree nominated Cr Peter Petty (Tenterfield) – nomination accepted. There being no further nominations, Cr Peter Petty was declared elected as Chair.
6.3	Nominations were called for the election of Deputy Chair Tenterfield nominated Cr Kate Dight (Inverell) – nomination accepted. There being no further nominations, Cr Kate Dight was declared elected as Deputy Chair.
6.4	Nominations were called for the election of Secretary/Treasurer Tenterfield nominated Noelene Hyde (Tenterfield) – nomination accepted. There being no further nominations, Noelene Hyde was declared elected.
6.5	Cr Peter Petty resumed the Chair.
6.6	Setting of Annual Membership Fee (currently \$500 pa) Moved: Southern Downs that the fees remain at \$500 per member Council

	<p>per year. Seconded: Moree CARRIED</p>
6.7	<p>Meeting Dates for 2021 – second Friday every 3 months (10.00 am local time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverell Shire Council – 12 February 2021 • Southern Downs Regional Council – 14 May 2021 • Walgett Shire Council – 13 August 2021 • Moree Plains Shire Council – 12 November 2021 <p>Meeting Dates for 2022 – second Friday every 3 months (10.00 am local time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balonne Shire Council – St George – 11 February 2022 • Gwydir Shire Council – 13 May 2022 • Bullo Shire – Thargomindah – 12 August 2022 • Tenterfield – 11 November 2022 <p>Moved: Southern Downs that the meeting dates for 2021 and 2022 be accepted. Seconded: Goondiwindi CARRIED</p>
7.	General Business
7.1	<p>Request for Membership – Paroo Shire Council The Chair noted the change of Chief Executive Officer at Paroo Shire Council. BROC will await receipt of a new application from Paroo Shire Council before proceeding further.</p>
7.2	<p>BROC – Business Status Suggested that BROC seek advice as to requirements regarding its business status.</p> <p>Moved: Inverell that BROC apply for an ABN if applicable and a report on the matter be brought to the next ordinary meeting. Seconded: Balonne CARRIED</p>
8.	Next Annual General Meeting – 12 November 2021 at Moree Plains Shire Council
9.	Meeting Closed 11.09 am