



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 November 2019 - Moree

Venue:	Moree Plains Shire Council Chamber	Date:	Friday 8 November 2019
Chair:	Cr Peter Petty - Tenterfield	Time:	10.07 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 Shire 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)	
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1.	Meeting Open: 10.07 am Welcome: Cr Stephen Ritchie welcomed delegates to Moree Plains Shire Council	
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: Moree that the Apologies be accepted. Seconded: Balonne	
3.	Minutes of Meeting - Annual General Meeting - 9 November 2018	
	Moved: Moree that the Minutes be accepted. Seconded: Balonne	

4.	Chairman's Report
4.1	<p>Chair Peter Petty welcomed Mayor John Ferguson and Services Manager Donna Hobbs from Bulloo Shire Council (Qld) to this meeting as observers.</p> <p>Chair Peter Petty then presented his Chairman's Report:</p> <p><i>"It is with pleasure that I present this, my first Chairman's Report for the BROCC. In these dry, trying times, this Organisation only adds to the strength of the communities we represent and the many issues that we deal with.</i></p> <p><i>To the affiliated member Councils, I thank you for your support and attendance at the meetings throughout the past twelve (12) months. We have had some interesting presentations throughout the year and some I will note.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• The presentation by Kelly Foran representing Friendly Faces, Helping Hands, the work they do across a wide region and the generosity of BROCC members in making a donation of \$1,000 to that organisation.</i> <i>• The Border Region's Transport Study currently being prepared by Angus Witherby through Moree Plains Shire Council.</i> <i>• The Bruxner Way Joint Committee and the four (4) Councils alliance with this group – as we wait for more announcements regarding the NSW State Government's declaration that it will be taking back regional roads in the State of NSW.</i> <i>• The announcement by both Federal and State Governments of \$24 million for a business case to be done on the Mole River Dam project which border river dam and referred to as the New England Water Grid Project Proposal.</i> <i>• Presentations by Cross Border Commissioner James McTavish at our Warwick and Walgett meetings, and the strong relationship we have with him.</i> <i>• Presentation at the Walgett meeting by officers of the Murray Darling Basin Authority on the Independent Assessment of Social & Economic Conditions in the Murray Darling Basin.</i> <i>• Presentation at the Walgett Meeting by Balonne CEO Matthew Magin on the work being done on exclusion fencing in that Shire and extending an invitation for a site visit while out there in February 2020.</i> <p><i>I wish to thank Cr Kate Dight for her support as Deputy Chair and our Secretary, Noelene Hyde for all the work she has done over the last twelve (12) months. In addition I wish to thank Cr Brian Murray as my fellow delegate to BROCC for Tenterfield.</i></p> <p><i>We live in trying times with weather conditions as bad as anyone can remember. Drought, fires, and lack of water over many areas and communities doing it tough.</i></p> <p><i>We need to be supportive of each other right across this region and keep</i></p>

	<p><i>working together to make the Border Regional Organisations of Councils as strong and relevant as we can.</i></p> <p><i>I thank you for the last twelve (12) months and it has been a great honour to Chair this Group.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you</i> <i>Cr Peter Petty”</i></p> <p>Moved: Tenterfield that the Chairman’s Report be accepted. Seconded: Inverell</p>
5.	Audited Financial Report as at 30 September 2019 (presented with Agenda)
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Income & Expenditure for the Period 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019 • Statement of Assets & Equity as at 30 September 2019 <p>Moved: Gwydir that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted. Seconded: Tenterfield</p>
6.	Items Listed
6.1	Cr John Coulton acted as Returning Officer.
6.2	<p>Nominations were called for the election of Chair Inverell nominated Cr Peter Petty (Tenterfield) Seconded: Gwydir Cr Petty accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Cr Petty was declared elected Chair.</p>
6.3	<p>Nominations were called for the election of Deputy Chair Moree nominated Cr Kate Dight (Inverell) Seconded: Tenterfield Cr Dight accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Cr Dight was declared elected Deputy Chair.</p>
6.4	<p>Nominations were called for the election of Secretary Gwydir nominated Noelene Hyde (Tenterfield) Seconded: Moree Ms Hyde accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Ms Hyde was declared elected as Secretary.</p>
6.5	Cr Petty resumed the Chair
6.6	<p>Setting of Annual Membership Fee (currently \$500 pa) Moved: Tenterfield that the fees remain at \$500 per member Council per year. Seconded: Moree</p>
6.7	<p>Meeting Dates for 2020 – second Friday every 3 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balonne Shire Council – St George – Friday, 14 February 2020 (10 am) • Gwydir Shire Council – Bingara – Friday, 15 May 2020 (3rd Friday) (10 am)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goondiwindi Regional Council – Goondiwindi – Friday, 14 August 2020 (10 am) • Tenterfield Shire Council – Tenterfield – Friday, 13 November 2020 (10 am) (Ordinary & AGM) <p>Meeting Dates for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverell Shire Council – Inverell – Friday, 12 February 2021 (10 am) • Southern Downs Regional Council – Warwick – Friday, 14 May 2021 (10 am) • Walgett Shire Council – Walgett – Friday, 13 August 2021 (10 am) • Moree Plains Shire Council – Moree – Friday, 12 November 2021 (10 am) <p>Moved: Balonne that the meeting dates for 2020 and 2021 be accepted. Seconded: Walgett</p>
7.	General Business
7.1	<p>Name of Organisation Secretary Noelene Hyde sought clarification as to the name of BROCC – Border Regional Organisation of Councils or Border Rivers Organisation of Councils.</p> <p>ACTION: Check BROCC Constitution and report back to the February 2020 Meeting.</p>
7.2	<p>Bulloo Shire Council (observers to meeting) Mayor John Ferguson introduced Bulloo Shire Council, highlighting the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,000 sq km with a population of 330 and a problem with population drift; • Council has taken a stand to ensure Council staff appointments live in the community; • Main industries – gas, oil, cattle and bees; • Construction of Warregate Road will provide a sealed road from the Gulf to Adelaide which will benefit both Queensland and South Australia – this is a push by Bulloo Shire Council at this stage for \$70m over 10 years; • Schooling is an issue for residents of the Shire; • Observing today as Bulloo Shire Council would like to participate in BROCC and the opportunity to work cross border.
8.	Meeting Closed – 10.30 am