



MINUTES

15 February 2019 - Inverell

Venue:	Council Chamber 144 Otho Street, Inverell	Date:	Friday 15 February 2019
Chair:	Mayor Peter Petty - Tenterfield	Time:	10.00 am
Attendees:	Cr Peter Petty, Cr Brian Murray, Noelene Hyde	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	Cr Kate Dight	Inverell Shire Council	
	Cr Stephen Ritchie, Cr George Chiu, Karolyn Andrews, Angus Witherby	Moree Plains Shire	
	Cr Joan White	Goondiwindi Regional Council	
	Cr Richard Marsh, Matthew Magin	Balonne Shire Council	
	Cr John Coulton, Cr Frances Young, Max Eastcott	Gwydir Shire Council	
	Cr Neil Meiklejohn	Southern Downs Regional Council – (teleconference)	
	Russell Stewart	RDANI	
	Andy Norton (Vendorpanel)	Guest Speaker	
File Ref:	NAM201968		

1.	Meeting Open: 10.05 am	
2.	Apologies:	
	Cr Paul Harmon, Paul Henry	Inverell Shire Council
	Terry Dodds	Tenterfield Shire Council
	Cr Ian Woodcock	
	Hon Adam Marshall MP	Member for Northern Tablelands
	Susan Sims	ARTC
	James McTavish	Border Commissioner
	Linda Keeshan	QLD Cross Border Representative
	Trudi Bartlett	RDA Darling Downs & South West
	Todd Newton (Bindaree)	Guest Speaker
	Moved that the Apologies be accepted: Gwydir Seconded: Moree CARRIED	
	Welcome:	
	Cr Kate Dight welcomed all to the meeting at the Inverell Shire Council Chamber	

3.	Minutes of Meeting: 9 November 2018 (Tenterfield)	
3.1	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
3.1.1	Waste to Energy Proposal – Mayor Petty thanked the members of BROC for their support on behalf of Tenterfield Shire Council.	
3.1.2	BROC Transport Plan – Cr Coulton advised \$10,000 set aside but not a lot more can be done until after the election.	
3.1.3	Bruxner Way Joint Committee – Mayor Petty advised letters of support have been received from State and Federal Members.	
	Moved that the Minutes be accepted: Goondiwindi Seconded: Moree	CARRIED
4.	Correspondence	
4.1	Inwards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Statements Warwick Credit Union & National Australia Bank • Linda Keeshan (Dept Premier & Cabinet QLD) re TAFE item • Derek Baker – request for funding for work on roads • Five Issues Forum Flyer – Regional Development Australia 	
4.2	Outwards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation regarding reinvestments – Warwick Credit Union & National Australia Bank 	
4.3	Matters arising from Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarantine the funding for the BROC Transport Plan – NAB Term Deposit 	
	Moved that correspondence be accepted: Balonne Seconded: Goondiwindi	CARRIED
5.	Financial Report as at 8 February 2019	
5.1	Transactions since last meeting:	
	<u>National Australia Bank – 69-022-2187</u>	
	• Signatories changed to Peter Petty, Terry Dodds, Noelene Hyde	
	Opening Balance as at 12 October 2018	\$15,109.04
	Lodge Term Deposit – 2 November 2018	\$10,000.00
	Balance as at 2 November 2018	\$5,109.04
	<u>National Australia Bank – Term Deposit 42-388-8697</u>	
	Lodged 27 Sept to 27 Dec 2018 (3 month)	\$10,000.00
	Re-invested 27 December 2018 for 12 months @ 2.75%	\$10,052.36
	<u>Warwick Credit Union – 400379187</u>	
	• Signatories changed to Peter Petty, Terry Dodds, Noelene Hyde	
	Closing Balance 31 January 2019	\$0.18
	<u>Warwick Credit Union – Fixed Term Deposit 100005924</u>	
	Opening Balance as at 31 December 2018	\$20,586.04
	Interest Paid 2.45%	\$254.25
	Reinvested 22 January 2019	\$20,840.29
	Moved that the Financial Report be accepted: Inverell Seconded: Gwydir	CARRIED

6.	Guest Speakers	
6.1	Apology from The Hon Adam Marshall MP due to the ongoing fire emergency. Minister Marshall was to speak regarding the direction/policies of the National Party relative to the upcoming election.	
6.2	<p>Mr Todd Newton – Bindaree Beef was an apology, however the information was presented by Cr Kate Dight with a number of points being made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meat processing sector is a critical part of the agricultural supply chain; • 3rd largest manufacturing export industry in Australia; • The NSW meat processing industry is predominantly regional and rural based and often, the largest employer in the region. Bindaree Beef is one such employer (800 team members and a wages bill exceeding \$52,000,000); • Sourcing labour and the related costs is generally more difficult compared to metropolitan areas. Without sufficient levels of employment, the facility is unable to ran at, or close to capacity; • Payroll Tax has been identified as the key barrier to the hiring of more workers and the creation of greater efficiencies in processing businesses. <p>Discussion centred on the huge impact of the drought and resultant destocking which will have a flow on effect for many years to come.</p> <p>ACTION: Inverell is the only Shire which shows manufacturing as a growth industry. Russell Stewart to confirm if this is due to meat processing.</p> <p>ACTION: Re-reinvite Mr Newton (Bindaree Beef) to a future BROCC meeting.</p>	
	<p>Moved that BROCC write to both appropriate State Ministers (cc to Federal Government) regarding excessive regulatory controls and concerns with operating costs, payroll tax, etc :Gwydir</p> <p>Seconded: Goondiwindi CARRIED</p>	
6.3	<p>RDANI Mr Russell Stewart – raised the issue of International students and how to get them into regional areas. There needs to be a determination on the word “regional” and promote the bush.</p> <p>242 skilled migrant workers have come to this region – 340 in 17/18.</p> <p>ACTION: Russell to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figures for the various Shires. • Copy of his correspondence. 	
6.4	Cr Joan White (Goondiwindi) raised the issue of the personal and mental health issues the ongoing drought conditions are creating in the rural communities, suggesting that Councils look at every opportunity to get people together and get the conversation going.	
6.5	Mr Andy Norton – Presented regarding VendorPanel – a single source platform to simplify procurement, minimise risk, maximise value and drive local economic development.	

	<p>Individual Council Benefits Using VendorPanel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency, Governance and Probity covered • One click governance report PDF summary • Removes the 4 major challenges to effective sourcing • The complete journey from sourcing suppliers to contract management <p>Regional Collaboration Using One Sourcing Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Panels and Agreements (driving efficiency) • Local economic development (easy for suppliers, all in one place) • Practical tool to drive positive local and regional outcomes • Supports transparency, governance and probity • Reporting, analytics and compliance across the Region <p>ACTION: Andy to provide links and presentation for distribution.</p>
7.	Items Listed
7.1	<p>Regional Developments to Capitalise on Inland Rail Report from Moree Shire Council presented by Mr Angus Witherby , Director Planning & Community Development</p> <p>Summary: Various regional initiatives are underway to take advantage of the Inland Rail Project. Each existing town along the route or with access to the route has an opportunity to benefit from Inland Rail. In practice, while there will be some overlap between the functions provided at each town there will also be differences, based on local comparative advantage. Regional support for individual initiatives throughout the region is of benefit in terms of securing funding and also in demonstrating that a regional perspective is being taken by key bodies such as BROC. A regional perspective in terms of planned and potential economic development would significantly improve the benefits of the proposed update of the BROC Transport Study.</p>
	<p>Moved that BROC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that the planned update of the BROC Transport Study take into account proposed economic developments throughout the BROC region including, in particular, transport opportunities for East – West route enhancement to improve access to Inland Rail; 2. Endorse the Moree Intermodal Masterplan as key infrastructure elements to support the Inland Rail project, including benefits to the New England region (including the Upper New England High Country sub- region) as well as to the NSW Upper North West Region; 3. Note and endorse complementary initiatives such as the proposed developments in Inverell Shire, Gwydir Shire, Narrabri Shire and Southern Downs Regional Council as set out in the relevant Regional Economic Development Strategy which strengthen the overall “offer” of the North-West NSW region and adjoining areas in Queensland; and 4. Support and encourage the development of complementary activities in the Goondiwindi, Tenterfield and Walgett areas. <p>Moree Seconded: Tenterfield</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

7.2	Bruxner Way – Inverell Shire Council Report from Inverell Shire Council to be presented by Cr Kate Dight. ACTION: Leave to discuss in the Bruxner Way Joint Committee meeting.
8.	General Business
8.1	Cr George Chiu – Moree Plains Shire Council Plan for Moree International Airport - tabled for information only.
8.2	Cr Richard Marsh - Balonne Shire Council Waste to Energy – Darling Downs Southwest Queensland Region Council of Mayors meet 3 times per year. Mayor Paul Antonio (Toowoomba Regional Council) may be able to assist with building some capacity.
8.3	Cr Richard Marsh - Balonne Shire Council Murray Darling Basin Plan. The Royal Commission requests a review of the Murray Darling Basin Plan – let the Plan work and prove if it assists the environment and communities as the lack of rain has not allowed the Plan to take its course. Support should be provided to the Minister and Councils who still support the Plan.
	Moved that BROC support no amendment to the Murray Darling Basin Plan and endorse that the Plan should be given the opportunity to prove itself over a period of time. Balonne Seconded: Inverell CARRIED
8.4	Cr John Coulton – Gwydir Shire Council Referred to the NSW Water 20 Year Plan and advised that the proposed dam on the Gwydir River (Gravesend site) is to be built at a cost of \$600m and proposed to hold 600mgl.
8.5	Cr Stephen Ritchie – Moree Plains Shire Council Advocated that there be a separate Cross Border Commissioner for each border as the current incumbent is overburdened.
9.	Next Meeting Southern Downs Regional Council @ 10.00 am Friday, 10 May 2019
10.	Meeting Closed – 1.12 pm.

ACTION ITEM LOG			
Officer	Item	Listed	Outcome
Exec	Commission further research on rural roads	04/05/18	
RDANI	Provide figures for Inverell – Manufacturing as a growth industry (meat processing)	15/02/19	
Exec	Reinvite Mr Newton (Bindaree Beef) to a future meeting	15/02/19	
Exec	Meat Processing – letter to State Ministers, payroll etc	15/02/19	
RDANI	Skilled Migrant Workers – figures for each Shire	15/02/19	

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	and copy of correspondence		
Exec	VendorPanel links and presentation - distribute	15/02/19	
Exec	Murray Darling Basin Plan – endorse no amendment	15/02/19	