



MINUTES

9 August 2019 - Walgett

Venue:	Walgett District Sporting Club 10 Montkeila Street, Walgett	Date:	Friday 9 August 2019
Chair:	Mayor Peter Petty - Tenterfield	Time:	9.00 am
Attendees:	Mayor Peter Petty, Cr Brian Murray, Cr Don Forbes, Noelene Hyde	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	Angus Witherby	Moree Plains Shire	
	Cr Joan White	Goondiwindi Regional Council	
	Cr Richard Marsh, CEO Matthew Magin	Balonne Shire Council	
	Cr John Coulton, Cr Francis Young	Gwydir Shire Council	
	Cr Ian Woodcock, GM Greg Ingham, Kelly Smith	Walgett Shire Council	
	Mr James McTavish, Ms Kate Moodley	Cross Border Commissioner	
	Ms Trudi Bartlett	RDA Darling Downs South West	
	Ms Lou Gall	RDA Northern Inland	
	Peta	Murray Darling Basin Authority	
File Ref:	NAM2019286		

1.	Meeting Open: 9.10 am Welcome: Welcome to Country performed by Mr Stephen Ruttley	
2.	Apologies:	
	Cr Neil Meiklejohn	Southern Downs Regional Council
	Cr Kate Dight	Inverell Shire Council
	Cr Stephen Ritchie	Moree Plains Shire Council
	Cr Manuel Martinez	Walgett Shire Council
	Ann Leahy MP	Member for Warrego
	Linda Keeshan	QLD Cross Border Representative
	Nathan Axelsson	RDA Northern Inland
	Moved: That the apologies be accepted: Balonne Seconded: Walgett	
	CARRIED	

3.	Minutes of Meeting: 10 May 2019 (Warwick)																
3.1	Matters Arising from the Minutes																
8.2	Evening Meal for BROC Members Prior to Meeting – Report provided																
8.4	BROC Transport Plan – Angus Witherby to provide an update																
8.5	Cross Border Waste – RDA DDSW to provide aggregating and waste value information to the August 2019 meeting																
	<p>Moved: That the Minutes be accepted: Gwydir Seconded: Tenterfield CARRIED</p>																
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 • NSW Minister for Regional Transport & Roads – Classification of the Bruxner Way • Response from QLD Dept of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure & Planning re Operational Costs in the Meat Processing Industry • Email James McTavish – NSW Cross-Border Commissioner’s Infrastructure Fund • Email – InlandRail – Invitation to Participate in a Study of the Long-Term Economic Benefits of Inland Rail – Queensland Corridor 																
4.2	<p>Outwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of Donation – Friendly Faces Helping Hands Foundation 																
4.3	Matters arising from Correspondence:																
	<p>Moved: That correspondence be accepted: Balonne Seconded: Walgett CARRIED</p>																
5.	Financial Report as at 8 February 2019																
5.1	<p>Transactions since last meeting:</p> <p><u>National Australia Bank – 69-022-2187</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Opening Balance as at 12 April 2019</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7,289.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southern Downs Regional Council – Annual Membership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walgett Shire Council – Annual Membership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tenterfield Shire Council – Annual Membership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque Payment – Digit Design (BROC website)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 197.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interest</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 0.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance as at 11 July 2019</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8,592.23</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>National Australia Bank – Term Deposit 42-388-8697</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Lodged 27 Sept to 27 Dec 2018 (3 month)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	Opening Balance as at 12 April 2019	\$7,289.37	Southern Downs Regional Council – Annual Membership	\$ 500.00	Walgett Shire Council – Annual Membership	\$ 500.00	Tenterfield Shire Council – Annual Membership	\$ 500.00	Cheque Payment – Digit Design (BROC website)	\$ 197.34	Interest	\$ 0.20	Balance as at 11 July 2019	\$8,592.23	Lodged 27 Sept to 27 Dec 2018 (3 month)	\$10,000.00
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	Re-invested 27 December 2018 for 12 months @ 2.75%	\$10,052.36
	Maturity Date – 27 December 2019	
	<u>Warwick Credit Union – 400379187</u>	
	Closing Balance 30 June 2019	\$ 0.18
	<u>Warwick Credit Union – Fixed Term Deposit 100005924</u>	
	Opening Balance as at 31 May 2019	\$20,955.91
	Interest Paid 2.25%	\$117.55
	Reinvested 22 July 2019 @ 2%	\$21,073.46
	Maturity Date – 22 October 2019	
	Moved: That the Financial Report be accepted: Gwydir	
	Seconded: Tenterfield	CARRIED
6.	Guest Speakers	
6.1	<p>Mr James McTavish – Cross Border Commissioner/Regional Town Water Supply Coordinator advised that a cross border Memorandum of Understanding is currently being negotiated with Victoria. Renegotiations are being conducted with the ACT and Queensland. With respect to NSW, he will be negotiating with regional areas for items to be included on the 2020 work list.</p> <p>Water Issues NSW Government has substantial programs available, mainly for the rural sector. Assistance is being provided for Tamworth, Armidale, Guyra, Warren, Nyngan and Narromine but there will be many more areas. Assistance to Goondiwindi, Bogabilla, Toomelah regarding river water access.</p> <p>Ms Kate Moodley, Assistant Grants Advisor, Office of Cross Border Commissioner – Cross Border Commissioner’s Infrastructure Fund Advised that the Office of the Cross Border Commissioner is currently receiving expressions of interest. Projects would Ideally impacts both the States of NSW and Queensland and address the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic economic; • Social, affordability, digital connectivity. <p>Please contact Kate to discuss expressions of interest. Eligible applicants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils or Joint Organisations of Councils (or similar); • Incorporated not-for-profit organisations; • Peak industry bodies or cooperatives; • Private proponents; • NSW Government agencies; • Government agencies in jurisdictions which share a border with NSW, and have an existing cross-border agreement with NSW. 	

	<i>The meeting adjourned for morning tea, reconvening at 11.00 am. James McTavish and Kate Moodley left the meeting.</i>
7.2	<p>Payment for Meals Prior To and Following Official BROC Meetings Report submitted by Erika Bursford, Manager Customer Service, Governance & Records at the request of Chief Executive, Terry Dodds, Tenterfield Shire Council.</p>
	<p>Resolved: That BROC confirm that all meal expenses on days prior to and following an official BROC meeting day are to be met by the individual attendees.</p> <p>Moved: Balonne Seconded: Tenterfield CARRIED</p>
8.	General Business
8.1	<p>Letter from The Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Regional Transport & Roads Cr Peter Petty, as Chair of the Bruxner Way Joint Committee, referred to the letter received from the Minister which advises that details of the delivery of the Regional Road transfer are yet to be advised – Bruxner Way may be considered as part of the road network review.</p> <p>Cr Petty stressed that the Joint Committee will keep pursuing this matter in this term of the NSW Government. An answer needs to be obtained sooner rather than later.</p> <p><i>No Meeting of the Bruxner Way Joint Committee – awaiting advice from the Minister as per above.</i></p>
8.2	<p>Exclusion Fencing Chair Peter Petty raised the issue of exclusion fencing and why this is not available to farmers along the border in NSW.</p> <p>Balonne CEO Matthew Magin advised that Balonne Shire had received \$13m for exclusion fencing to reinvigorate the sheep industry. Loans are available for farmers through special loans whereby Council borrows the money and on-lends to farmers attached through their rates on special 20 year terms.</p> <p>As Council supplies the materials and the farmer builds the exclusion fence according to Council regulations and checks, this allows for the retention of on farm labour and a further flow on is builders fixing up shearing sheds, etc. Also gives people hope after 8 years of drought. Lambing rates have increased from 10% to 80+% in northern areas.</p> <p>A standing invitation was issued from Balonne Shire to visit and inspect.</p>
	<p>Resolved: That BROC 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. Cc to local members.</p> <p>Moved: Balonne Seconded: Walgett CARRIED</p>

8.3	<p>Independent Assessment of Social & Economic Conditions in the Murray-Darling Basin – Draft Terms of Reference & Assessment Framework – July 2019</p> <p>Peta from the Murray Darling Basin Authority tabled the Draft Terms of Reference, advising that an independent panel of people connected to and/or living and working in the Basin have been invited to undertake an assessment of social and economic conditions in Basin communities on behalf of The Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management.</p> <p>The tabled document provides detail on how the Panel undertaking the Independent Assessment is approaching its work, including its intentions, ethical commitments and approach to the analysis required and will be attached to these BROC Minutes.</p>
9.	<p>Next Meeting AGM and Ordinary Meeting – 9.00 am, Friday, 8 November 2019 at Moree (Moree Plains Shire Council)</p>
10.	<p>Meeting Closed – 11.35 am</p>

ACTION ITEM LOG			
Officer	Item	Listed	Outcome
Exec	Commission further research on rural roads	04/05/18	See Recommendation from this Meeting 9/8/19
Exec	Reinvite Mr Newton (Bindaree Beef) to a future meeting	15/02/19	