



MINUTES

19 November 2021 – Tenterfield (Tenterfield Shire Council)

Venue:	247 Rouse Street Tenterfield	Date:	Friday, 19 November 2021
Chair:	Mayor Peter Petty - Tenterfield	Time:	10.00 am
Attendees:	Mr Matthew Magin – via Zoom	Balonne Shire Council	
	Cr Rob Mackenzie – via Zoom	Goondiwindi Regional Council	
	Cr Kate Dight Ms Sharon Stafford	Inverell Shire Council	
	Cr Andrew Gale	Southern Downs Regional Council	
	Chair – Mayor Peter Petty Cr Brian Murray Mr Daryl Buckingham Sec/Treasurer Christie Fitzpatrick	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	Donna Hobbs – via Zoom	Bulloo Shire Council	
	Mr James McTavish – via Zoom	Cross Border Commissioner	
	Ms Angela Doering Ms Jaimi-Leigh Faulkner – via Zoom	Dept Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Communications	
	Jo Tait – via Zoom	Australian Rail Track Corporation	
	Rob Harrison	Investment NSW	
	Jane Humphries – via Zoom	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office	
	Trudi Bartlett	Regional Development Australia	
	Helen Chan – via Zoom	Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	
File Ref:	G/21		

1.	Meeting Open:	
2.	Apologies	
	Ms Ann Leahy MP	Member for Warrego
	Mayor John Coulton	Gwydir Shire Council
	Mayor John Ferguson	Bulloo Shire Council
	Moved: Southern Downs that the apologies be accepted. Seconded: Inverell	
	CARRIED	
3.	Deferral of AGM	

	Proposed deferral of AGM until 11 February 2022 due to NSW Council elections on 4 December 2021 and NSW Councillors currently in Caretaker mode.
	<p>Moved: Inverell that the Deferral of AGM be accepted. Seconded: Goondiwindi</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
4.	Minutes of Meeting – 14 May 2021
4.1	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste to Energy – Angus Witherby from Moree Plains to now lead this project. <p>Angus not in attendance at this meeting. Mayor Petty noted NSW State government finally supporting Waste to Energy - 4 councils now supported though it will be a long way off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> China Trade Issue – Guest Speaker Rob Harrison to present Exclusion Fencing – Cr Petty to report back on contact with Minister for Local Government <p>Mayor Petty has received correspondence which has not been very supportive from Minister for Agriculture Adam Marshall but not from Minister Shelley Hancock. He is in awe of the QLD Government and their support to fund the fencing but doesn't see the same happening in NSW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mole River Project <p>\$24m had been allocated to the project but a media release received by CE Daryl Buckingham confirms the project has been parked indefinitely. A copy of the media release is included for the information of members.</p> <p>Mayor Petty advised of a recent meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce and the Water Alliance Group to discuss getting funding for other dam sites. The Water Alliance plan to meet 3-4 times per year and welcome other Council's participation.</p> <p>Emu Swamp Dam – Inverell question to Southern Downs One final study going on into the 450mL from Storm King into Emu Swamp. No massive road blocks in place. As Southern Downs are the customer the project is under hand of business running it.</p>
	<p>Moved: Southern Downs that the Minutes be accepted. Seconded: Inverell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
5.	Correspondence
5.1	<p>Inwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Statement - National Australia Bank Fixed Term Certificate – Warwick Credit Union & National Australia Bank Independent Panel - Road Classification Review and Regional Road Transfer - Interim Report
5.3	Matters arising from Correspondence

6.	Financial Report as at 26 October 2021																																
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6.2	Matters arising from Financial Report																																
7.	Audited Financial Report as at 27 October 2021																																
	<p>RECOMMENDATION That the Meeting notes that the Constitution adopted on 12 February 2021 requires the financial report to be distributed 21 days before the Annual General Meeting (Item 12 (i)). As the AGM will now be held in February 2022 the Audited Financial Report is to be tabled at this meeting.</p>																																
	<p>Moved: Tenterfield that the Audited Financial Statements be tabled. Seconded: Goondiwindi</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>																																
8.	Guest Speakers																																
8.1	<p>10.20 am Rob Harrison - Senior Export Adviser, TradeStart Adviser, Investment NSW</p> <p>Mr Harrison spoke of the support the Commonwealth and State Governments are giving to exporters. The presentation is included for the information of members.</p> <p>11.05 am</p>																																

	<p>James McTavish – NSW Cross Border Commissioner</p> <p>Difficult time for border communities right across Australia. Covid related border restrictions since March 2020, NSW 95% first dose in people 12 and above – extraordinary. Already above 90% in NSW.</p> <p>Goondiwindi the standout in QLD for vaccination numbers.</p> <p>Asking QLD to clarify changes to border restrictions particularly for border residents.</p> <p>Concerns residents will need to be tested every 72 hours – hoping to have that removed. Working to get barriers removed as detrimental to border communities.</p> <p>After Action Review – will be reaching out to local government to get their views. Identify priority policy area we should be looking to address in activity with QLD and other areas.</p> <p>Greater investment in border communities through formal agrees in various jurisdictions.</p> <p>Albury Wodonga Regional Deal Briefing A copy of the presentation will be forwarded to members.</p> <p>11.30 am – (10 minutes) Jane Humphries - Local Engagement Officer, Northern Basin, Commonwealth Environmental Water Office, Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment</p> <p>Brief introduction to what the CEWO does, what it manages and in what northern catchments, and how conditions currently are in catchments</p> <p>The presentation is included for the information of members.</p>
9.	Items Listed
9.1	<p>Handover of BROCC Administration & Finance to Inverell Shire Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of bank signatories to new Chair, Deputy Chair & Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delay until February due to NSW Election and NSW Councillors in caretaker mode
9.2	Cross Border Commissioner for QLD – Balonne Shire Council
10.	General Business
10.1	<p>SDRC – Question to Rob Harrison – Is Australia in a good export position? Not a large amount of product to hang on to.</p> <p>When COVID kicked in global shipping companies were in turmoil. The Government offered stimulus packages and sale picked up.</p> <p>The market is there but getting product to market via freight – shipping, rail – have been the issue. Container prices have risen dramatically but it is a global issue.</p> <p>Originally thought losing China trade would be detrimental however they have found new markets to ship to.</p>

Angela Doering – Inland Rail

- Transform Rail tier 1 contractors of Narrabri to North Star Construction project is going well with some challenges including extraordinary weather and workforce requirement shortages.
- Social performance statistics:
 - Since construction began in September 746 workers, 231 were local residents, 111 indigenous workers, 65 local indigenous. 118 local business have supplied including 9 indigenous businesses Australia wide.
 - \$45.8m spent with local business since construction began.
 - Australia wide \$3.7m spent with indigenous business.

Jo Tait – Aus Rail Track Corporation

- Condamine issues – Jo will provide an update at next meeting.
- Border to Wellcamp – civic works have been awarded. Team on the ground allocated construction.

Trudi Bartlett & Darren – Regional Development Australia

- Federal Government Department Education, Skills, Employment Local Skills program – won contract - matching workers with employers
- Visas don't cover roles needed across region – investigating if need for a DAMA (Designated Area Migration Agent)
- RDA funded Digital Connectivity and Telecommunications Audit Strategy – Draft going to regions soon for feedback.
- Encourage both sides of the border to continue using RDA as a line of communication to Minister Marino.
- Commodities forum is going to happen – how can we be getting more onto rail?
- Cross Border Water forum – hold up due to under resourcing and border closures.

Matthew Magin – Balonne Shire Council

- Cross border tourism promotion collaboration – item for February meeting
- Tourism officers from respective councils sit in.
- Cross Border Commissioner for QLD – wrote to QLD Deputy Premier and had face to face meeting – received no for an answer but will continue to pursue as it is vital.

Meeting Closed

The Meeting closed at 12.35 pm.