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Border Regional Organisation of Councils



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BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS MEETING

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023

Border Regional Organisation of Councils Notice of Meeting

13 February 2023

A Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Inverell Shire Council Administration Centre, 144 Otho Street, Inverell on **Thursday 23 February, 2023** commencing at **2.00pm (NSW time)**.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.



Cr Kate Dight
Chairperson

Inverell Shire Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BROC Meeting

Time: Feb 23, 2023 02:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

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Agenda

- 1 Meeting Open**
- 2 Acknowledgement of Country**
- 3 Apologies**
- 4 Confirmation of Minutes – 1 December 2022**
- 5 Cross Border Commissioner Update**
- 6 Disaster Management Update**
- 7 Guest Speaker**

Superintendent Mitch Parker, Commander New England & North West I DZC Western Zone & A/Superintendent Lukas Torr, Central West, NSW State Emergency Service

 - Flood Gauges and the Dissemination of Flood Data
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1 MEETING OPEN

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 APOLOGIES

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MEETING MINUTES – 1 DECEMBER 2022

The minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on Thursday, 1 December, 2022 in Goondiwindi (Goondiwindi Regional Council) are attached separately (minus the presentations).

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 1 December, 2022, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

4.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5 CROSS BORDER COMMISSIONER UPDATE

2.20pm James McTavish, NSW Cross Border Commissioner

6 DISASTER MANAGEMENT UPDATE

2.40pm Senior Sergeant Chris Mitchell, District Disaster Management Coordinator – Cross Border Disaster Management Update

7 GUEST SPEAKER

2.45pm Superintendent Mitch Parker, Commander New England & North West I DZC Western Zone & A/Superintendent Lukas Torr, Central West, NSW State Emergency Service

- Flood Gauges and the Dissemination of Flood Data

8 STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR BROC

3.00pm Focus Areas:

- Attracting Population and Industry
- Transport Networks
- Disaster Recovery Management & Betterment
- Health Services
- Housing
- Education & Childcare
- Transport Connectivity
- Telecommunication Connectivity

9 AGENCY UPDATES

4.00pm Bill Lansbury (Regional Director, Department Transport & Main Roads QLD)

Angela Doering, Inland Rail (Department Infrastructure)

Jo Tait, Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)

Regional Development Australia (Darling Downs & South West / Northern Inland)

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 INWARDS

- Bank Statements and Fixed Term Certificate – National Australia Bank & Credit Union
- Letter from Tenterfield Shire Council confirming BROC delegates

10.2 OUTWARDS

- Letter of Support for Regional Development Australia (Queensland Government's Workforce Connect Fund – Connecting Youth to Industry)
- Letter to the Hon Sam Farraway re: Regional Road Transfer/Classification Review - Bruxner Way
- Letter to Visitor Information Centres re: Border Tourism Trail Proposal
- Letter to the Hon Grace Grace re: Preschools/Kindergartens Funding Model Changes
- Letter to the Hon Di Farmer re: Recognition of Occupational Licensing

Recommendation:

That the Inwards and Outwards correspondence be received and noted.

10.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

11 FINANCIAL REPORT

11.1 TRANSACTIONS

National Australia Bank – 69-022-2187

Opening Balance as at 12 October 2022	\$20,781.46
Interest	\$0.42
Sponsorship – Disaster Management Conference	-\$4998.41
Audit Fees – Vanguard Consulting	-\$330.00
Balance as at 11 January 2023	\$15,453.47

National Australia Bank – Term Deposit 42-388-8697

Lodged 27 December 2022 for 12 months @ 3.75%	\$10,583.97
Maturity Date – 27 December 2023	

Warwick Credit Union – Fixed Term Deposit 100005924

Opening Balance as at 31 December 2022	\$ 11,459.74
Interest Rate 1.55%	\$ 44.77
Reinvested 22 January 2023 @ 1.95%	\$ 11,504.51
Maturity Date – 22 April 2023	

Recommendation:

That the Financial Report be accepted.

11.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL REPORT

12 ITEMS LISTED

12.1 BROCCONSTITUTION / TERMS OF REFERENCE

At the December 2022 BROCC meeting, it was resolved that notice of the following change to the objectives of the BROCC Constitution would be tabled for consideration at the next BROCC meeting.

‘That ‘Transport Connectivity’ and ‘Telecommunication Connectivity’ be added to the ‘Areas of Regional Strategic Importance’.

Note: The BROCC Constitution adopted on 1 December 2022 requires that any decision by the Organisation to change its name, objects or corporate status, or to voluntarily wind up the Organisation, must be made by a special resolution (Item 19). A special resolution requires written notice to be given of the meeting at which it is to be considered, and of the proposed special resolution not less than 21 days prior to the meeting at which a quorum is present. Three quarters (3/4) of those delegates present and entitled to vote must vote in favour of the resolution (Item 20).

Recommendation:

That Clause 2 (iv) of the BROC Constitution be amended as follows:

'Areas of Regional Strategic Importance include:

- *Attracting Population and Industry*
- *Transport Networks*
- *Disaster Recovery Management & Betterment*
- *Health Services*
- *Housing*
- *Education & Childcare*
- *Transport Connectivity*
- *Telecommunication Connectivity'*

12.2 TOURISM TRAIL

At the December 2022 meeting, it was resolved that all Visitor Information Centres in the BROC be asked if they would like to be part of the initiative to produce a collaborative map.

As such, letters were sent to all Visitor Information Centres inviting them to be part of the initiative.

To date, three (3) Visitor Information Centres have responded to the letter. One Council has agreed to be part of the initiative to explore the matter further, the other two have indicated that whilst they support the concept and may be keen to explore the matter further, they:

- a) do not have budgets for such a collaboration
- b) are already exploring other initiatives, and
- c) wanted a firmer costing/alternative quotations before agreeing to commit.

In the interim, Inverell Shire Council's Tourism Manager has obtained a firmer indicative cost to produce a HEMA map. Prices are detailed below for the information of Councils:

Licensing Fee	\$26,000
Cartography & GIS	\$20,800
Printing (40,000 copies)	\$19,980
Delivery	<u>\$ 8,400</u>
Total	\$75,180 (\$7,518 ex GST per council)

It is noted that the cost per council is higher than the ballpark estimate of \$15K - \$30K (\$3,000 per council) which was originally envisaged.

Recommendation:

For discussion.

12.3 MEETING DATES & TIMES

At the December 2022 BROC AGM, it was resolved that BROC would meet on the fourth Thursday every 3 months commencing at 1pm (local time).

Gwydir Shire Council have since confirmed that their Ordinary Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Councils are being asked to reconsider meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 and 2024. The second Friday of the month has been suggested as an alternative.

- Meeting Dates for 2023 – (week) (day) every 3 months (1.00 pm local time)
 - Balonne Shire Council (St George) – ** May 2023
 - Paroo Shire Council – (Cunnamulla) – ** August 2023
 - Tenterfield Shire Council (Tenterfield) – ** November 2023* (AGM & Ordinary)

- Meeting Dates for 2024 – (week) (day) every 3 months
 - ** February 2024 (Brewarrina Shire Council)
 - ** May 2024 (Southern Downs Shire Council)
 - ** August 2024 (Walgett Shire Council)
 - ** November 2024 (Goondiwindi Shire Council)* (AGM & Ordinary)

Recommendation:

That the meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 and 2024 be reconsidered.

13 ACTION ITEM LOG

Action Item Log attached separately.

Recommendation:

That:

- a) the Action Item Log be received and noted: and*
- b) the following items be removed from the Action Log:*

- *Flood Gauges / Flood Data Presentation*
- *Constitution*

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

15 MEETING CLOSED