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Border Regional Organisation of Councils



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BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS MEETING

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2023

Border Regional Organisation of Councils Notice of Meeting

4 August 2023

A Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting will be held in the Civic & Community Enterprise Centre (CCEC) (Council office) cnr Louise and Stockyard Streets, Cunnamulla on **Friday 11 August, 2023** commencing at **9.00am (QLD time)**.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.



Cr Kate Dight
Chairperson

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Agenda

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- 2 Acknowledgement of Country**
- 3 Apologies**
- 4 Confirmation of Minutes – 19 May 2023**
- 5 NSW Cross Border Commissioner Update**
- 6 Disaster Management Update**
 - NSW SES
- 7 Guest Speaker**
 - Presentation on Housing by Cassie White, CEO, Paroo Shire Council - 'Re-energizing Paroo' including case study by one of Paroo's newer residents/renovators
- 8 Strategic Planning for BROCC**
- 9 Agency Updates**
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1 MEETING OPEN

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Suzette Beresford, Mayor, Paroo Shire Council.

3 APOLOGIES

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Meeting Minutes – 19 May 2023

The minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on Friday 19 May, 2023 in St George (Balonne Shire Council) are attached separately (minus the presentations).

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 19 May, 2023, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

4.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes

5 NSW CROSS BORDER COMMISSIONER UPDATE

9.10am James McTavish, NSW Cross Border Commissioner.

6 DISASTER MANAGEMENT UPDATE

9.30am Supt Paul Perusic and Supt Matthew Chadwick – NSW State Emergency Service, North Western Zone.

7 GUEST SPEAKER

9.40am **Cassie White, CEO, Paroo Shire Council**

Presentation on Housing by Cassie White, CEO, Paroo Shire Council - 'Re-energizing Paroo' including case study by one of Paroo's newer residents/renovators.

8 STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR BROC

10.00am BROC Areas of Strategic Importance (BASI).

8.1 Proposal to Realign the BROC Areas of Strategic Importance (BASI)

Commentary: Members are aware that BROC's Seven (7) Areas of Strategic Importance include:

1. Attracting Population and Industry
2. Transport Networks
3. Disaster Recovery, Management & Betterment
4. Health Services
5. Housing
6. Education & Childcare
7. Telecommunication Connectivity

Cr Lisa Orchin, Moree Plains Shire Council has requested that a discussion take place at today's meeting on the possible realignment of the areas with the suggestion that Focus Group 5 (Housing) be replaced with Crime. Cr Orchin & Cr MacKenzie (Goondiwindi Regional Council) have both indicated that they are prepared to commit to leading this area of strategic importance if agreed upon.

Note: The Constitution of BROC states:

- '19. 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.
20. 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 ($\frac{3}{4}$) of those delegates present and entitled to vote must vote in favour of the resolution'.

Recommendation:

A matter for the Organisation.

8.2 BROC Areas of Strategic Importance (BASI) Focus Group Updates

Each BASI Focus Group has been tasked to investigate and determine:

- What are the issues?
- Determine a priority order for the issues identified; and
- Come up with ideas and report back on how BROC can assist with resolving the issues identified.

1. Attracting Population and Industry

Lead Council: Paroo
Associated Councils: Inverell, Moree

2. Transport Networks

Lead Council: Gwydir
Associated Councils: Southern Downs, Tenterfield, Inverell, Bulloo

3. Disaster Recovery, Management & Betterment

Lead Council: Balonne
Associated Councils: Goondiwindi, Moree, Tenterfield, Inverell

4. Health Services

Lead Council: Tenterfield
Associated Councils: Moree, Inverell, Goondiwindi, Paroo

5. Housing

Lead Council: Walgett
Associated Councils: Bulloo, Moree

6. Education & Childcare

Lead Council: Moree
Associated Councils: Bulloo, Balonne, Walgett

7. Telecommunication Connectivity

Lead Council: Goondiwindi
Associated Councils: Moree, Balonne, Inverell

9 AGENCY UPDATES

11.00am Bill Lansbury - Regional Director (Department Transport & Main Roads QLD).

Matt Perez - District Works Manager – Far West, Network & Assets | Maintenance & Delivery Regional & Outer Metropolitan, Transport for NSW.

Jo Tait - Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC).

Greg Ringwood – Local Engagement Officer, Queensland, Northern Engagement Basin Delivery Section, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (Department Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water) – CEWH Water Management Plans for the Northern Basin.

Robyn Haig – Director, Regional Development Australia (Darling Downs & South West).

Russell Stewart - Chair, Regional Development Australia (Northern Inland).

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Inwards

- Hon Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Industrial Relations & Racing - Occupational Licences.
- Southern Downs Regional Council – Border Tourism Trial Proposal.
- Bank Statements and Fixed Term Certificate – National Australia Bank & Credit Union

10.2 Outwards

- Insurance Council of Australia – Postcode Driven Insurance Policy Premium Price Increases.

- Hon Fiona Nash, Regional Education Commissioner – Preschool/Kindergarten Mungindi cc Hon Dr Anne Aly MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education; Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm, Assistant Minister for Education; James McTavish, Cross Border Commissioner.
- Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government – Inland Rail (Completion of the Narrabri to North Star Project).
- Mr James McTavish, Cross Border Commissioner – Appreciation of financial support for Cross Border Disaster Management Exercise held in St George on 13 July 2023.

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 April 2023	\$20,453.87
Interest	\$0.51
22/23 Membership – Moree Plains Shire Council	\$500.00
Balance as at 11 July 2023	\$20,954.38

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

Reinvested 22 April 2023 for 12 months @ 3.75%	\$ 11,559.83
Maturity Date – 22 April 2024	

Recommendation:

That the Financial Report be accepted.

11.2 Matters Arising from Financial Report

12 ITEMS LISTED

12.1 Bourke Shire Council – Membership

An invitation was extended in 2022 to Bourke Shire Council inviting them to be a member of BROCC.

Advice has now been received confirming that Bourke Shire Council has agreed to become a member.

Recommendation:

That:

- i) Bourke Shire Council be accepted as a member of BROC;*
- ii) A tax invoice for 2023/24 membership of \$500 be forwarded to Bourke Shire Council; and*
- iii) The BROC Constitution reflect Bourke Shire Council as a member.*

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:*
 - Invitation to Join BROC*
 - Disaster Management Workshop*
 - Transport for NSW Contact re: Inland Bruce*
 - Occupational Licencing*
 - Bureau of Meteorology*

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

15 NEXT MEETING

Annual General Meeting & Ordinary Meeting, Friday 10 November, 2023 commencing at 9am and hosted by Tenterfield Shire Council.

16 MEETING CLOSED