



CANBERRA REGION JOINT ORGANISATION

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BOARD MEETING

Friday, 22 September 2023
8.30am – 1pm
Wingecarribee Shire Council, Civic Centre
68 Elizabeth Street Moss Vale

MINUTES



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| Members | |
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| Bega Valley Shire Council | Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick (Chair) Mr Anthony McMahon |
| Eurobodalla Shire Council | Mayor Mathew Hatcher Mr Warwick Winn |
| Goulburn Mulwaree Council | Mayor Peter Walker Mr Aaron Johansson |
| Hilltops Council | Mayor Margaret Roles Mr Anthony O'Reilly |
| Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council | Mayor Kenrick Winchester Ms Rebecca Ryan |
| Snowy Monaro Regional Council | Mayor Narelle Davis (Deputy Chair) Mr Peter Bascomb |
| Snowy Valleys Council | Mayor Ian Chaffey Mr Stephen Pinnuck |
| Upper Lachlan Shire Council | Mayor Pam Kensit Ms Alex Waldron |
| Wingecarribee Shire Council | Mr. Viv May (PSM) Ms Lisa Miscamble |
| Yass Valley Council | Mayor Allan McGrath Mr Chris Berry |
| Wagga Wagga City Council | Mayor Dallas Tout Mr Peter Thompson |
| ACT Government | Dr David Clapham |
| Canberra Airport | Mr Noel McCann |
| GUESTS | |
| NSW Government | Anna Wyllie, Regional NSW Heidi Stratford, Reconstruction Authority NSW Louise Taylor, Office of Local Government |



1. Opening Meeting

The Chairperson, Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick opened the meeting at 8.34am.

2. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson, Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick welcomed members and guests. Mr Viv May, Administrator Wingecarribee Shire Council made an acknowledgment of country.

3. Apologies

The Chairperson, Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick called for any apologies. CRJO resolved to accept any apology and granted leave of absence.

The following apologies were received:

- Mr Warwick Winn, General Manager Eurobodalla Shire Council,
- Mr Peter Thompson, General Manager Wagga Wagga City Council.
- Mayor Dallas Tout, Wagga Wagga City Council.
- Mayor Narelle Davis, Snowy Monaro Regional Council.
- Mr Noel McCann, Canberra Airport.

4. Disclosure of interest

With reference to Chapter 14 Local Government Act 1993, and CRJO's Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare any conflicts of interest in the matters under consideration by CRJO at this meeting.

5. Notice of Rescission

Pursuant to Clause 372 of the Local Government Act 1993 a voting representative may lodge a notice to rescind a motion for the CRJO's consideration.

6. Notice of Motions

Pursuant to Clause 10.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice a voting representative may lodge a notice of motion for the CRJOs consideration.



7. Urgent Business

The Chairperson will call for any Additional Business pursuant to Clause 9.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice. Any additional business to be discussed requires a Board resolution or a ruling by the Chairperson that the matter is of great urgency.

That in the view of the non-re-election of Mayor Narelle Davis, Snowy Monaro Regional Council an election of the Deputy Chair of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation is required.

7.1 Deputy Chair Election

RESOLUTION 22/09 – 01.1

Moved: Cr Peter Walker

Seconded: Cr Allan McGrath

That the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Resolve to elect Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor Queanbeyan Palerang as Deputy Chair of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Board.

CARRIED

8. Presentations

8.1 National Emergency Management Agency

RESOLUTION 22/09 – 01.2

Moved: Mr Viv May

Seconded: Cr Mathew Hatcher

That

- 1. the presentation from the National Emergency Management Agency be received.**
- 2. Write a letter of thanks to the Agency to advise them that member Councils would like to establish closer working relationships and that Council staff undertaking the repair work after emergencies will deliver more timely and cost efficient outcomes**

CARRIED



8.2 Ms Jacki Schirmer, University of Canberra – Community Wellbeing Survey

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 01

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Margaret Roles

That:

- 1. The Community Well-Being Survey undertaken by the University of Canberra be received and distributed to all member Councils as a public document.**
- 2. The Community Well-Being Survey be directed to the IP & R Working Party to determine what parts of the survey will be beneficial in the development of the Regional Community Strategic Plan.**

CARRIED

Mr Peter Bascomb, General Manager Snowy Monaro Regional Council left the meeting at 10.49am.

8.3 Prof Lesley Forster, School of Rural Medicine

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 02

Moved: Cr Mathew Hatcher

Seconded: Cr Pam Kensit

That:

- 1. The presentation from Prof Lesley Forster, School of Rural Medicine, Charles Sturt University presentation be received,**
- 2. The Canberra Region Joint Organisation write a letter of support for the School of Rural Medicine facility in Moryua.**

CARRIED

The Board Meeting took a break for morning tea at 10.55am.

The Board Meeting resumed at 11.15am.



8.4 Mr Brett Whitworth, Office of Local Government

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 03

Moved: Cr Peter Walker

Seconded: Cr Mathew Hatcher

That the verbal update from Mr Brett Whitworth, Deputy Secretary Planning Policy be received.

CARRIED

9. Confirmation of Minutes

9.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 04

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Pam Kensit

That the Minutes of the CRJO Board Meeting 2 June 2023 be received.

CARRIED

10. Chairs Minute

Pursuant to Clause 9.6 of the Code of Meeting Practice the Chairperson, without notice, may put to the meeting a minute on any matter or topic that is within the jurisdiction of the CRJO.

11. Reports

11.1 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 05

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Mr Viv May

That the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee from the 7 June 2023 be received.

CARRIED



11.2 GMAG Minutes

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 06

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Margaret Roles

That the GMAG Workshop Minutes from 11 August 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

11.3 Circular Economy - Waste

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 07

Moved: Cr Allan McGrath

Seconded: Cr Peter Walker

That the report from the Chief Executive, on the Waste Circular Economy be received

CARRIED

11.4 Training and Development

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 08

Moved: Cr Margaret Roles

Seconded: Cr Mathew Hatcher

That the report from the Chief Executive, on the Training and Development be received.

CARRIED

11.5 Waste Business Cases & Infrastructure Management

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 09

Moved: Cr Margaret Roles

Seconded: Cr Kenrick Winchester

That the report from the Chief Executive on the Waste Circular Economy be received.

CARRIED



11.6 Ministers Report

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 10

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Allan McGrath

That:

1. The CRJO attend a meeting with Minister for Building and Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, The Hon Anoulack Chanthivong to discuss building certification,
2. The CRJO representatives for this meeting be, Chair, Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick, CRJO Chief Executive, Mr Warwick L Bennett, General Manager, Yass Valley Council, Mr Chris Berry and Director Planning and Sustainability Services, Eurobodalla Shire Council, Mr Lindsay Usher.

CARRIED

11.7 Financial Statements

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 11

Moved: Cr Pam Kensit

Seconded: Cr Margaret Roles

That the CRJO Board receive the CRJO Finance Report and note the financial position of the Organisation at 31 August 2023.

CARRIED

11.8 Policy Review

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 12

Moved: Cr Allan McGrath

Seconded: Cr Peter Walker

That:

1. The report from the Director Corporate Services on the Policy Review be received.
2. The CRJO adopt the Procurement Policy and Code of Conduct Policy.

CARRIED



11.9 Operations Update

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 13

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Allan McGrath

That the report from the Director Operations be received.

CARRIED

11.10 Corporate Services Update

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 13

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Peter Walker

That the report from the Director Corporate Services be received.

CARRIED

12. Agency Update

Updates were received from Anna Wyllie, Department of Regional NSW, Dr David Clapham, ACT Government and Ms Louise Taylor, Office of Local Government.

13. Closed Session

CRJO must resolve to move into Closed Session to deal with any items under *s10 Local Government Act 1993*.

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 14

Moved: Cr Peter Walker

Seconded: Mr Viv May

That CRJO considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

12.1 CRJO Chief Executive Recruitment Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act, and the CRJO is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with advice relating to personnel matters concerning particular individuals. All persons who are not members of the CRJO board (or their representative) or current General Managers of member Councils be asked to leave the meeting.

CARRIED



CRJO resolved to move into Closed Session at 12.52pm.

Anna Wyllie, Louise Taylor, Warwick Bennett, Hayley Chapman and Nadine Clarke left the meeting at 12.52pm.

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 15

Moved: Cr Margaret Roles

Seconded: Cr Allan McGrath

That Canberra Region Joint Organisation re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

CRJO resolved to move into Open Session at 1.05pm.

Warwick Bennett, Hayley Chapman and Nadine Clarke rejoined the meeting at 1.15pm.

14. Additional Item

RESOLUTION 22/09 - 16

Moved: Mr Viv May

Seconded: Cr Mathew Hatcher

That Canberra Region Joint Organisation write a letter supporting Snowy Valleys Council's position on the Hume Link project that CRJO strongly support better consultation with rural land owners and more respect for their property rights.

CARRIED

15. Conclusion of the Meeting

Chair, Cr Russell Fitzpatrick formally closed the meeting at 1.17pm.