

CRJO Board Meeting #4/18: 15 February 2018 MINUTES

Meeting Opened: 9.24am

1. Welcome and Introductions

Member Councils

Bega Valley Shire Council	Cr Kristy McBain Leanne Barnes
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Cr Liz Innes Lindsay Usher
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Cr Bob Kirk Warwick Bennett
Hilltops Council	Cr Brian Ingram Dr Edwina Marks
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Cr Mark Schweikert Peter Tegart
Snowy Valleys Council	Cr Geoff Pritchard Phil Stone
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	Cr John Rooney Peter Bascomb
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Cr John Stafford John Bell
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Cr Duncan Gair Ann Prendergast
Yass Valley Council	Cr Rowena Abbey (Chair)

Associate Members

ACT Government	Sam Engele David Clapham
Wagga Wagga City Council	Cr Greg Conkey OAM

Also Present

CRJO	David Rowe Gabrielle Cusack
NSW Government	James Bolton
Victorian Cross-Border Commissioner	Luke Wilson

Apologies

East Gippsland Shire Council	Cr Natalie O'Connell Anthony Basford
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Cr Tim Overall
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Dr Catherine Dale
Wagga Wagga City Council	Peter Thompson

Canberra Airport	Noel McCann
Yass Valley Council	Sharon Hutch
Snowy Valleys Council	Cr James Hayes OAM Matthew Hyde

2. Urgent Items – Late Business

RESOLUTION 54/2018

Snowy Plan to respond to business and opportunities

Snowy Legacy Fund

M Schweikert/B Ingram

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 7 December 2018

RESOLUTION 55/2018

The minutes from the CRJO Board meeting #3/18 of 7 December 2018 were confirmed.

K McBain/B Kirk

4 CRJO Membership

RESOLUTION 56/2018

1. *That Snowy Valleys Council be formally accepted as full member of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation.*
2. *That discussions continue with Snowy Hydro in relation to the framework to becoming an Affiliate member of the CRJO.*
3. *GMAC prepare a report to the Board on terms of Affiliate membership relating to Corporate Bodies.*

K McBain/M Schweikert

5. DRAFT Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities

RESOLUTION 57/2018

That the Statement of Regional Priorities be adopted.

L Innes/B Kirk

6. DRAFT CRJO Strategic Plan 2019-2021

RESOLUTION 58/2018

That the Strategic Plan 2019-2021 be adopted.

B Ingram/D Gair

7. CRJO Vision

RESOLUTION 59/2018

The Board endorse the draft vision statement below

We are...

- Vibrant
- Connected
- Creative

#simplyirresistible

L Innes/K McBain

8. Regional NSW JO Network

RESOLUTION 60/2018

That the Board agree to put forward to the JO Network meeting @ 7 March 2019:

- 1. Ongoing funding for JO*
- 2. Biodiversity legislation and RMS*
- 3. Government 2.0 (service NSW + DPE portal)*
- 4. Pension rebates*

CRJO members provide further suggestions to CRJO prior to 7 March 2019.

L Innes/B Ingram

9. Payment of Membership Fees

RESOLUTION 61/2018

- 1. That the revised policy be adopted.*
- 2. That the Board note GMAC's view that the fees outlined in the policy*
 - (a) are recompense for work as a Board member and are not considered to be a 'gift' or benefit under the 'Code of Conduct'*
 - (b) do not need to be disclosed as an 'interest' under Part 4 of the Model Code of Conduct.*
- 3. That CRJO lodge a submission to the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal requesting that fees for Joint Organisation Board members be included in the 2019 Determination and the Local Government Act be amended as required.*

B Kirk/G Pritchard

10. CRJO Board Meeting Dates

RESOLUTION 62/2018

- 1. That CRJO Board resolve to change Board meeting dates and locations for 2019 as per Table 2 AND that the format for the Board meetings be;*
 - a. Thursday - inspections, presentations and evening dinner*
 - b. Friday - Board Meeting (meeting Agenda items only)*

J Rooney/B Kirk

11. Model Code of Conduct

RESOLUTION 63/2018

That the 2018 Model Code of Conduct and Procedures for Administration of the Model Code of Conduct be adopted by the CRJO.

B Kirk/M Schweikert

12. CRJO Advocacy Report

RESOLUTIONS 64/2018

- 1. That the report be noted, and the value of advocacy be recognised.*
- 2. That it be noted the CRJO will develop an 'advocacy strategy' as part of an overall 'engagement framework'.*

D Gair/J Stafford

13. Election Advocacy

RESOLUTION 65/2018

That an Election Advocacy document be prepared on the attachment as amended.

K McBain/J Rooney

14. Finance Report

RESOLUTION 66/2018

That the finance report be noted.

B Ingram/B Kirk

15. Biodiversity Reforms Capacity

RESOLUTION 67/2018

- 1. That the benefits that the Biodiversity Support Officer provides to Councils be acknowledged.*
- 2. That the NSW Government be requested to extend the current funding program by 3 years to 31 December 2022.*
- 3. That support for extension of the program be sought from other organisations that currently auspice Biodiversity Support Officers.*
- 4. GMAC facilitate a forum to examine the biodiversity issues including biodiversity offsets across cross-borders in the region to prepare a paper for consideration by the Board.*

L Innes/B Kirk

16. Coastal Catchment Management

RESOLUTION 68/2018

That Bega Valley Shire Council and Eurobodalla Shire Council meet with representatives of the South East Local Land Services to further explore the options and report back to the Board.

L Innes/K McBain

17. Office of Sport Update

RESOLUTION 69/2018

1. *Note that the Office of Sport will be liaising with the CRJO regarding the development of a sustainable governance model for the South East Academy of Sport.*
2. *Receive and note the report on the SESA from the Office of Sport.*

B Kirk/D Gair

18. Future Funding for Regional Councils

RESOLUTION 70/2018

1. *That the CRJO note the initial priorities for the Snowy Legacy Fund*
 - *Providing Water Security in priority catchments*
 - *Improving rail & road passenger transport connections*
 - *Improving freight linkages*
 - *Improving digital connectivity across regional NSW*
 - *Activating regional locations for increased business investment*
2. *That CRJO liaise with DPC to prepare a 'snowy plan' to manage risks and activate opportunities emerging in the LGA's in the region from the construction of Snowy 2.0.*
3. *That the CRJO advocate to the State Government to create a Futures Fund for Regional Councils from the proceeds of sale of Snowy Scheme to fund local government assets.*

B Ingram/B Kirk

19. Southern Lights Project

RESOLUTION 71/2018

That the update be noted.

K McBain/M Schweikert

20. CRJO Action List

RESOLUTION 72/2018

That the CRJO Action list be noted.

D Gair/M Schweikert

Next Meeting: Thursday 23 & Friday 24 May 2019 – Canberra

RESOLUTION 73/2018

That Wagga Wagga City Council be thanked for hosting the CRJO tour and meeting.

L Innes/D Gair

Meeting Closed: 11. am