

CRJO Board Meeting #5/18: 24 May 2019

MINUTES



Meeting Opened: 8.40am

1. Welcome and Introductions

Member Councils

Bega Valley Shire Council	Cr Mitchell Nadin Leanne Barnes
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Cr Liz Innes Dr Catherine Dale
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Cr Bob Kirk Warwick Bennett
Hilltops Council	Dr Edwina Marks
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Cr Tim Overall Peter Tegart
Snowy Valleys Council	Cr James Hayes OAM Matt Hyde
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	Cr John Rooney Peter Bascomb
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Cr John Stafford Andrew Croke
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Cr Duncan Gair Ann Prendergast
Yass Valley Council	Cr Rowena Abbey (Chair) Sharon Hutch

Associate Members

ACT Government	Sam Engele
Wagga Wagga City Council	Cr Greg Conkey OAM
East Gippsland Shire Council	Cr Natalie O'Connell Anthony Basford

Also Present

CRJO	David Rowe Gabrielle Cusack
NSW Government	Laura Hartley

1. Opening Meeting: 8.40am

2. Apologies

RESOLUTION 74/2018

That apologies be accepted from Cr Kristy McBain, Cr Brian Ingram, John Bell, Peter Thompson, Noel McCann, David Clapham, Heidi Stratford and Elizabeth Dixon

For: Unanimous

D.Gair/L.Innes

Against: Nil

3. Disclosure of Interest

Nil

4. Urgent Items – Late Business

RESOLUTION 75/2018

That a discussion be held regarding Regional Priorities for Snowy Hydro Legacy Funding

For: Unanimous

B.Kirk/J.Stafford

Against: Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes – 15 February 2019

RESOLUTION 76/2018

That the minutes from the CRJO Board meeting #4/18 of 15 February 2019 be confirmed.

For: Unanimous

D.Gair/J.Stafford

Against: Nil

6. CRJO Chairs Report

RESOLUTION 77/2018

- 1. That the report be noted.*
- 2. That a report be brought back to CRJO Board meeting in September regarding the possible establishment of a relationship between the CRJO and Wellington Region (NZ).*

For: Unanimous

T.Overall/M.Nadin

Against: Nil

7. CRJO Board Meetings

RESOLUTION 78/2018

- 1. That an Extraordinary meeting be held on Thursday morning 11 July 2019 from 9.00am until 11.00am to consider the financial sustainability of the CRJO and the Revenue Policy which includes membership fees and the 2019/2020 budget*

For: Unanimous

T.Overall/L.Innes

Against: Nil

- 2. That a Board meeting be held in Sydney on the Thursday 17 October 2019 including a regional tour of Western Sydney on the 18 October 2019**
- 3. That a Board meeting be held in Tumut on Friday 6 December 2019 with a regional tour of VISY Industries and Snowy Hydro to take place on Thursday 5 December 2019**
- 4. That the offer of East Gippsland Shire Council to host a CRJO Board meeting in 2020 be accepted and coordinated with East Gippsland Staff.**

For: Unanimous
Against: Nil

M.Nadin/J.Hayes OAM

8. Vision and Purpose

RESOLUTION 79/2018

- 1. That the Vision for the CRJO be adopted as:
"Our Region.....Dynamic, Innovative, ConnectedCompelling!"**

For: Unanimous
Against: Nil

R.Abbey/J.Stafford

- 2. That the purpose of the CRJO be confirmed as:
"Working together to deliver better outcomes for our communities and the region"**

For: Unanimous
Against: Nil

L.Innes/T.Overall

9. NSW Machinery of Government

RESOLUTION 80/2018

- That the NSW Machinery of Government changes, and the Environment Planning and Industry Cluster being known as EPIC, be noted**

For: Unanimous
Against: Nil

T.Overall/L.Innes

10. Advocacy Report

RESOLUTION 81/2018

- 1. That the Advocacy Report be noted**
- 2. That the CRJO seek to obtain from the NSW Government its regional roads priorities in the Canberra Region to enable discussion by the relevant Councils**
- 3. That GMAC prepare a report on establishing a Fee for Service framework for Advocacy Services provided by the CRJO.**

For: Unanimous
Against: Nil

D.Gair/B.Kirk

11. Emergency Services Levy

RESOLUTION 82/2018

1. That the CRJO advocate to the NSW Government:

- a. A strong objection to any increase to the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) above rate peg, and that no consultation was conducted with the sector in advance of the increase (noting that all Council budgets and integrated plans are on exhibition or finalised).**
- b. The value of any increase of the ESL in future years be added to the rate peg**
- c. The ESL be considered as a separate rate collected by Local Government on behalf of NSW Government**
- d. The increase by deferred to 2021**

2. That each Council consider the draft mayoral minute prepared by LGNSW

For: Unanimous

Against: Nil

L.Innes/T.Overall

12. Local Government Superannuation

RESOLUTION 83/2018

That Canberra Region Joint Organisation write a letter of support to the Country Mayors meeting to be held on the 31st May 2019 on the Goulburn Mulwaree Council's recommendations in regard to the additional contributions which will state as follows: -

That Country Mayors take the following actions in regard to the Local Government Super – Additional Contribution

- a. Write to Local Government Super expressing Country Mayors concern that they have disregarded two unanimous resolutions – one from Local Government NSW 2018 conference and the other of Country Mayors to cease additional contributions once total assets exceeded total liabilities in the defined benefit plan and that their continued demand for additional contributions is unreasonable and unacceptable**
- b. Country Mayors allocate \$20,000 from the unallocated accumulated funds to seek an independent review of the defined benefit plan of Local Government Super to determine if the fund should be self-funded. Such a report to review methodology, assumptions and sensitivity analysis used by Local Government Super to justify the additional contributions continuing. The report also to seek information on investment strategies used by Local Government Super and are those strategies appropriate for a contemporary superannuation fund when compared with industry benchmarks**
- c. Country Mayors write to the Minister of Finance (State Government) and IPART seeking their intervention, assistance or any advice in this matter they may be able to provide**
- d. Country Mayors seek a one off \$300 increase in annual subscription from members in 2019/20 to fund the unbudgeted use of the accumulated reserve funds.**

- e. Country Mayors send a copy of this resolution to Local Government NSW and seek that organisation as 50% shareholder to appoint Directors who will implement the policy of LGNSW as determined by unanimous resolution of members at the 2018 conference.*

For: Unanimous
Against: Nil

B.Kirk/D.Gair

13 Code of Meeting Practice

RESOLUTION 84/2018

- 1. That the draft code of meeting practice be adopted and implemented in its draft format as amended, by deleting the following sentence from clause 14.9 "The Canberra Region Joint Organisation encourages community members to first raise their topic of interest with their local council."*
- 2. That the draft code of meeting practice be placed on public exhibition for 42 days then be brought back to the Board for final adoption with any public submissions.*

For: Unanimous
Against: Nil

J.Hayes OAM/L.Innes

14. Code of Conduct Panel Reviewers

RESOLUTIONS 85/2018

- 1. That the CRJO establish a "CRJO Panel of Conduct Reviewers" to operate from 1 June 2019 to 30 June 2022*
- 2. That the following 12 consultants/entities be appointed to the "CRJO Panel of Conduct Reviewers"*
 - 1. Echidna Associates*
 - 2. Meehan and Meehan*
 - 3. Applied Integrity Solutions*
 - 4. Train Reaction*
 - 5. Sinc Solutions*
 - 6. Centium*
 - 7. O'Connor Marsden*
 - 8. Aust Workplace Training*
 - 9. Weir Consulting*
 - 10. Mediate Today*
 - 11. Nemesis Consultancy Group*
 - 12. Redenbach lee Lawyers*
- 3. That it be noted by member councils that to utilise the CRJO Panel, councils will need to resolve to establish its own panel of conduct reviewers as the "CRJO Panel of Conduct Reviewers"*

For: L.Innes, B.Kirk, J.Hayes OAM, J.Rooney, R.Abbey, T.Overall, D.Gair, J.Stafford

Against: M.Nadin

L Innes/B Kirk

15. LG State Award Renegotiation

RESOLUTION 86/2018

That representations be made to LGNSW to create a working party to review the process for future Award negotiations where:

- 1. General Managers are the predominate representatives negotiating Award changes on behalf of Councils*
- 2. There is transparency in decision making by the Board around the Award agreement*

For: Unanimous

B.Kirk/M.Nadin

Against: Nil

16. Crown Lands

RESOLUTION 87/2018

- 1. That by June 6, 2019 all Councils provide estimates to the CRJO CEO, of costs to complete Plans of Management (POM) for Crown Lands vested to councils.*
- 2. That the NSW Government be strongly urged to provide additional funding based on the estimated costings for POM for Crown Lands.*
- 3. That the Crown Lands Department assess whether they have sufficient resources to process the POM within reasonable timeframes on top of their current commitments to Councils, noting that some Councils have a three-year backlog of requests with the Department.*
- 4. That the NSW Government confirm that Local Government will not be liable for any potential compensation or personal liability in relation to Native Title Claims.*

For: Unanimous

J.Rooney/D.Gair

Against: Nil

17. Wingecarribee Shire Council - Waste Levy

RESOLUTION 88/2018

- 1. That the Board notes that the CRJO will be making representations to the NSW Deputy Premier, Minister for Local Government and NSW Government Coordinator-General for the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on Monday 27 May 2019, seeking their support for an urgent review to reclassify Wingecarribee Shire Council (WSC) from the Metropolitan Waste Levy Area to the Regional Levy area for the purpose of the NSW Waste Levy effective from 1 July 2019.*
- 2. That following those meetings, advice be provided to the Mayor and General Manager of WSC of the outcome.*
- 3. That the next step is to advocate to the NSW Premier and Treasurer for a face to face meeting to resolve the issue of the re-classification of WSC from the Metropolitan Waste Levy Area to the Regional Levy area for the purpose of the NSW Waste Levy.*

For: Unanimous

D.Gair/B.Kirk

Against: Nil

18. LG Remuneration Tribunal (LGRT) Joint Organisations

RESOLUTION 89/2018

That the report be noted with no further action to be taken.

For: Unanimous

L.Innes/J.Rooney

Against: Nil

19. Council Membership of SEATS & LGNSW

RESOLUTION 90/2018

1. *That the CRJO Board request the CEO to discuss the option for one representative membership at SEATS to cover the CRJO members, associate members and affiliate members.*
2. *That a suitable membership fee be negotiated.*
3. *That the CRJO be represented at SEATS meetings by a member and a representative of the Infrastructure Working Group and that they be requested to present all priority transport related issues from the CRJO.*
4. *All CRJO Councils be contacted to determine whether they would remain a member of SEATS if the CRJO became a member.*

For: Unanimous

M.Nadin/T.Overall

Against: Nil

5. *That membership of LGNSW be considered by the CRJO Board and that a meeting between the two organisations be held to look at options.*

For: Unanimous

M.Nadin/J.Stafford

Against: Nil

20. Affiliate Membership

RESOLUTION 91/2018

1. *That the terms of an Affiliate membership:*

- a. *Be offered as a non-voting membership to a person(s) or entity including corporate and not-for-profit organisations subject to a resolution of the Board.*
- b. *Be considered by the Board on a case by case basis where there is a benefit that is aligned to CRJO Strategic Priorities.*
- c. *Be reviewed annually by the Board and the Affiliate as to whether continued membership remains applicable.*
- d. *Attract a membership fee as determined by the annual membership fees or include in-kind support equivalent to a similar value.*

2. *That the initial membership fee for Affiliates be set at \$20,000.*

For: Unanimous

M.Nadin/J.Hayes OAM

Against: Nil

21. CBRJO Windup

RESOLUTION 92/2018

1. *That all assets and liabilities from the CBRJO are recognised to have been transferred to and accepted by the CRJO with the transfer of the agreed funding of \$1,060,000 at 30 June 2018 from Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.*
2. *That it is acknowledged that this transfer of funds relieves Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) of any contingent and intangible liability associated with the operation of the CBRJO through the QPRC and Palerang Council.*

For: Unanimous
Against: Nil

D.Gair/J.Rooney

22. South East Sports Academy (SESA)

RESOLUTION 93/2018

1. *That the two representatives on South East and Tablelands Sport and Active Recreation Plan steering committee be the Director of Assets and Operations from Bega Valley Shire Council (Anthony McMahon) and General Manager of Snowy Monaro Regional Council (Peter Bascomb).*
2. *That the CRJO representatives to the steering committee investigate how the implementation of the Regional Sport and Active Recreation Plan will be managed and what will be the financial and other commitments requested from each Council.*
3. *That the CRJO advocate that SESA continue to be operated by the Office of Sport, based at Jindabyne, noting the Government investments in Jindabyne and the sport (hub and spoke) campuses in the region.*

For: Unanimous
Against: Nil

M.Nadin/J.Stafford

23. Working Groups

RESOLUTION 94/2018

1. *That the information be received and noted.*
2. *That GMAC review its terms of reference and report back to the Board*

For: Unanimous
Against: Nil

B.Kirk/T.Overall

Next Meeting:

11 July 2019 @ 9am, with the option via video conference

Meeting Closed: 11.40am