

CRJO Board Meeting

Wednesday, 13 May 2020

Zoom Video Conferencing



PRESENT	
Bega Valley Shire Council	Mayor Sharon Tapscott Ms Leanne Barnes OAM
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Mayor Liz Innes Dr Catherine Dale
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Mayor Bob Kirk Mr Warwick Bennett
Hilltops Council	Mayor Brian Ingram Mr Anthony O'Reilly
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Mayor Tim Overall Mr Peter Tegart
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	Mayor Peter Beer Mr Peter Bascomb
Snowy Valleys Council	Mayor James Hayes OAM Mr Matthew Hyde
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Mayor John Stafford Ms Colleen Worthy
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Mayor Duncan Gair Ms Ann Prendergast
Yass Valley Council	Mayor Rowena Abbey – Chairperson Mr Chris Berry
ACT Government	Mr Sam Engele
East Gippsland Shire	Mayor John White Mr Anthony Basford
Wagga Wagga City Council	Mayor Greg Conkey OAM Mr Peter Thompson
Canberra Region Joint Organisation	Ms Gabrielle Cusack Ms Nikolina Marinovic
GUESTS	
Jennifer Lang Australia	Jennifer Lang Australia
Office of Local Government	Ms Elizabeth Dixon
NSW Government	Ms Heidi Stratford
Local Government Superannuation	Mr Phil Stockwell Mr Andrew Gledhill
Office of the NSW Border Commissioner	Ms Emma Watts

1. Opening meeting

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10:04am.

2. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson acknowledged aboriginal elders past, present and emerging of the many council areas the CRJO Board meets upon and the indigenous heritage across the CRJO region. The Chairperson welcomed Mayor Sharon Tapscott, newly appointed mayor of Bega Valley Shire Council, and Anthony O'Reilly, General Manager of Hilltops.

3. Apologies

RESOLVED

That the apologies of Mr Daryl Clifton be accepted.

Moved L. Ines / J. Hayes

Carried

Mr Sam Engele joined the meeting at 10:10am.

4. Disclosure of Interest

Nil

5. Notice of Rescission

Nil

6. Notice of Motions

Nil

7. Urgent Business

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board resolve to discuss and/or determine the following late items, information, or urgent business before close of meeting.

7.1. General Discussion – Local Government Opportunities, Post COVID-19 Crises.

7.2. Ministerial Meetings – Thursday, 14 May 2020.

Moved D. Gair / B. Ingram

Carried

8. Presentations

8.1. Local Government Super Presentation

Presenters: Mr Phil Stockwell (CEO) and Andrew Gledhill (Chief Risk Officer)

Mr Phil Stockwell and Mr Andrew Gledhill left the meeting at 10:50am.

8.2. Office of the NSW Cross Border Commissioner

Presenter: Ms Emma Watts – Assistant Commissioner

9. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board meeting minutes from 27 February 2020 be confirmed.

Moved T. Overall / D. Gair

Carried

10. Chair's Minute

Nil

11. Reports to Joint Organisation

11.1. CRJO Chair's Report

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board

- 1. Receive the CRJO Chair's Report.*
- 2. Note the ministerial meetings on Thursday, 14 May 2020.*

Moved D. Gair / L. Innes

Carried

11.2. Regional Infrastructure Priorities

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board

1. *Note the Regional Infrastructure Priorities report.*
2. *Endorse a proposal to the Deputy Prime Minister to compile priority projects across local government areas across Australia, in the CRJO project framework, at an appropriate fee.*
3. *Note the compilation of transport and freight, water and wastewater, recreation, cultural and tourism prospectuses that may guide future project advocacy to government.*
4. *Request the Federal Government consider funding for option studies, designs and other preliminary works to get projects to shovel ready.*

Moved B. Kirk / T. Overall

Carried

11.3. Emergency Services Levy

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board

1. *Whilst acknowledging the importance of the increase in the Emergency Services Levy (ESL), request the State Government (the Premier, Minister of Local Government, Minister of Emergency Services and all CRJO local Members of Parliament) to allow all the increases in that levy to be added to the amount of rate –cap in 2021/22 to allow Council the opportunity to provide stable services to the community following on from drought, fire, flood and COVID 19 crises.*
2. *Support advocacy to the Ministers for Local Government and Emergency Services, and the Commissioner Resilience NSW, seeking to:*
 - i. *decouple the rate peg from the ESL annual indexation process*
 - ii. *reconsider introduction of Fire and ESL on rate notices, for disbursement to government*
 - iii. *in so doing, discontinue the annual contribution by local government areas (LGAs) for emergency services (ES) and additional contributions through insurance premiums.*
 - iv. *transfer ES assets from LGAs to government, relieving nett cost of maintenance repair and renewal, hazard reduction and depreciation expenses for councils*
 - v. *support views expressed by LGAs in Bushfire Inquiries, to review and integrate ES assets and operations in regional hubs (incl RFS, SES, Fire & Rescue, marine and volunteer rescue, Surf Life Saving Association).*

Moved B. Kirk / T. Overall

Carried

11.4. CRJO Operational Report

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the CRJO Operational Report.

Moved J. Hayes / B. Ingram

Carried

11.5. NSW Joint Organisation Chairs' Forum

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the NSW Joint Organisation Chairs' Forum report.

Moved L. Innes / D. Gair

Carried

11.6. CRJO Finance Report to 29 February 2020

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the financial position of the CRJO as at 29 February 2020.

Moved J. Stafford / L. Innes

Carried

11.7. CRJO Draft Business Plan 2020-2021

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board adopt the CRJO Draft Business Plan 2020-2021.

Moved S. Tapscott / L. Innes

Carried

11.8. CRJO Draft Budget – 2020-2021

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board

1. Note the CRJO is budgeted to achieve an operating surplus of \$15k with total income of \$1,638k and expenses of \$1,623k for the 2020-2021 Financial Year.

2. Adopt the CRJO Draft Budget 2020-2021 noting that there may be potential risks to the budget given the current economic impacts of COVID19.

Moved B. Ingram / B. Kirk

Carried

11.9. Financial Arrangements 2020-21

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the financial arrangements report.

Moved J. Hayes / D. Gair

Carried

11.10. Local Government Elections

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board receive the Local Government Elections report.

Moved L. Innes / J. Hayes

Carried

11.11. Election of CRJO Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson 2020-2022

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board

- 1. Defer the election of a Deputy Chairperson to the extraordinary Board meeting of 30 June 2020.*
- 2. Conduct the 2020-2022 CRJO Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson election via videoconferencing on Tuesday, 30 June 2020 at 9:00am via open vote.*

Moved D. Gair / L. Innes

Carried

Cr Brian Ingram left the meeting at 11:54am.

11.12. Recruitment CRJO Executive Officer

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board receive the Recruitment CRJO Executive Officer report.

Moved J. Hayes / D. Gair

Carried

11.13. Office of Local Government Update

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board receives the update from the Office of Local Government.

Moved L. Innes / B. Kirk

Carried

11.14. CRJO Contaminated Land Officers' Report
RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the CRJO Contaminated Land Officers' Report.

Moved J. Hayes / D. Gair

Carried

11.15. CRJO Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Report
RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the CRJO Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Report.

Moved L. Innes / S. Tapscott

Carried

11.16. Disaster Resilience Program
RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the report regarding the Disaster Resilience Program.

Moved D. Gair / B. Kirk

Carried

11.17. CRJO Working Groups – Actions
RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the CRJO Working Groups – Actions report.

Moved J. Hayes / D. Gair

Carried

The following items were resolved under agenda item "7. Urgent Business" for discussion before the close of meeting.

Urgent Business: General Discussion - Local Government Opportunities Post-Crises

The Board held a general discussion regarding opportunities for local government post natural disasters and the current pandemic.

Mr Anthony Basford left the meeting at 12:20pm.

Urgent Business: Ministerial Meetings – Thursday, 14 May 2020

A short brief was provided to Board ahead of the ministerial meetings on Thursday, 14 May 2020.

12. Confidential Matters

Nil

13. Close

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12:25pm.

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