

Mid North Coast  
Joint Organisation

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# Minutes for the MNJCO Meeting

**Date:** 1 March 2024  
**Location:** Bellingen Shire Council  
**Time:** 9:00 AM





**1 ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Members:**

Mayor Leo Hauville, Mayor Kempsey Shire Council,  
Mayor Steve Allan, Bellingen Shire Council  
Mayor Peta Pinson, Port Macquarie Hastings Council

**Non-Voting Members:**

Mark Griffioen, General Manager, Bellingen Shire Council  
Craig Milburn, General Manager, Kempsey Shire Council  
Dr Clare Allen, Chief Executive Officer, Port Macquarie Hastings Council  
Elizabeth Fairweather, Executive Officer MNCJO

**In attendance**

Brett Whitworth, Office of Local Government  
Anita Gambhir, Office of Local Government  
Madeleine Lawler Regional Development Australia (MNC)  
Michael Thurston Destination North Coast  
Cass Wilson NSW Regional

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Mid North Coast Joint Organisation acknowledges the various peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and learn. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

**3 APOLOGIES**

NIL

**4 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST**

NIL

**MOVED Cr Allan/Cr Hauville**

That Item 11.4 Election of MNCJO Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be brought forward

**CARRIED**



**Item 11.4**

Subject Election of MNCJO Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Presented by Liz Fairweather

**MOVED Cr Allan/Cr Pinson**

1. That following the vote:

Cr Pinson be the Chairperson until such time as the first Board meeting conducted after the NSW Local Government Elections to be held Saturday 14 September

Cr Allan be the Deputy Chairperson until such time as the first Board meeting conducted after the NSW Local Government Elections to be held Saturday 14 September

2. The NSW Office of Local Government be advised of the outcome of the election.

**CARRIED**

**5 SPEAKERS**

**Item 5.1**

Subject Net Zero Future Bill 2023 - Dr Simon Wright

Presented by Dr Simon Wright

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

The MNCJO Board receive the presentation on the Net Zero Future Bill 2023 by Dr Simon Wright

**CARRIED**

**Item 5.2**

Subject Simtable for Community Empowerment – Linda Villy

Presented by Linda Villy

That the Board receive the presentation on the Simtable for Community Empowerment project by Linda Villy

**MOVED Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville**

That item 9.3 Simtable BCRRF Final report be brought forward



**CARRIED**

Cr Allan left the meeting 9:55am

**Item 9.3**

Subject Simtable BCRRF Final report – Linda Villy

Presented by Linda Villy

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

MNCJO receive and note the attached Simtable for Community Empowerment update

**CARRIED**

**Item 5.3**

Subject Office Local Government – Brett Whitworth, Deputy Secretary Local Government

Presented by Brett Whitworth

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

That the Board receive the presentation from the Office Local Government by Brett Whitworth, Deputy Secretary Local Government.

**CARRIED**

**6 MORNING TEA**

Meeting adjourned 10:57am

Resumed 11:13am

**7 MINUTES - MNCJO BOARD**

**Item 7.1**

Subject MINUTES - MNCJO BOARD - 8 December 2023

Presented by

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

That MNCJO Board adopt the attached Minutes - 8 December 2023



**CARRIED**

**8 BUSINESS ARISING**

NIL

**9 MNCJO PROJECT UPDATES**

Item 9.1

Subject Disaster Risk Reduction Fund – Ray Chapman, Skye Frost and Linda Villy

Presented by Ray Chapman, Skye Frost and Linda Villy

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

That MNCJO Board note the update provided on the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund project.

**CARRIED**

**Item 9.2**

Subject Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration - Noam Bardea

Presented by Noam Bardea

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

That the MNCJO Board note the update provided on the Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration Program.

**CARRIED**

**10 STANDING UPDATES**

**Item 10.1**

Subject Regional NSW – Cass Wilson

Presented by Cass Wilson

The Regional Development Roadmap | NSW Government

- Consultation has now closed. Thankyou to Mayor Peta and Dr Clare Allen for attending the feedback roundtable on behalf of the JO.
- Report is being finalised with recommendations presented to the Minister
- The Advisory council makes recommendations on policies, projects and programs that can be supported from the Regional Development trust.



Regional NSW, make the move | NSW Government

- The Welcome experience is a concierge-like service for essential workers and their families who are considering moving and working in Regional NSW.
- A team member called a Local Connector will discuss the questions and needs of each individual and connect them with the right people and services, to ensure their move and transition into the community is as easy as possible.
- Sam is the North coast local connector based in Coffs Harbour - Register for The Welcome Experience (regional NSW) | Service NSW
- The below shows what profession is considered essential:
  - Department of Education and Training employees – including primary and secondary school teachers and non-teaching staff
  - NSW Health employees – including nurses, allied health professionals, ambulance staff, visiting medical officers and specialists employed through the Local Health District
  - NSW Police Force employees
  - Department of Communities and Justice employees
  - NSW Fire and Rescue employees
  - General practitioners
  - Allied health professionals
  - Aboriginal Health Practitioners and Aboriginal Health Workers
  - Staff of Aboriginal Medical Services (AMS)
  - Dental practitioners
  - Aged health care professionals
  - Disability support workers
  - Early education and care staff
  - Country university teaching staff.

Net Zero industry and innovation | NSW Climate and Energy Action

- Net Zero Manufacturing grants are now available
- There is an eligibility checker for your local businesses to see what they can apply for or partner with the Government on.
- There is a Clean Technology Innovation online Q&A session on Tuesday 19th March – details <https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/business-and-industry/programs-grants-and-schemes>

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

**CARRIED**

**Item 10.2**

Subject North Coast Destination Network – Michael Thurston

Presented by Michael Thurston

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

MNCJO Receive and note the attached North Coast Destination Network update.

**CARRIED**



**Item 10.3**

Subject Regional Development Australia - Madeleine Lawler

Presented by Madeleine Lawler

RDA MNC presented a suite of resources (see Agenda for Board Meeting held 8 December 2023) including:

1. Mid North Coast Renewables Opportunity Map
2. Childcare Unmet Demand Survey and Economic Analysis
3. MNC Labour Participation Study

The resources are useful for:

- Project planning
- Grant writing
- Landscape analysis for economic development

The CEO will be on maternity leave April to August 2024 and Dianne Wall will be Acting CEO.

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

That MNCJO Board receive the verbal update from RDA Mid North Coast

**CARRIED**

**11 REPORTS FOR THIS MEETING**

**Item 11.1**

Subject MNCJO Board Meeting Dates 2024

Presented by Liz Fairweather

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

That the Board meeting scheduled for August 2024 be held in Kempsey F2F Monday 12 August.

**CARRIED**

**Item 11.2**

Subject Audit Risk and Improvement Minutes 7 February 2024

Presented by Liz Fairweather



**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

That the Board receive and note the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee held 7 February 2024.

**CARRIED**

**Item 11.3**

Subject Internal Audit Coordinator

Presented by Liz Fairweather

**MOVED Cr Hauville/Cr Pinson**

That the Board appoint the MNCJO Executive Officer as the Internal Audit Coordinator for the Mid North Coast Joint Organisation.

**CARRIED**

**12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Hauville - Internal Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - can the Mayor be the Chair?

Question taken on notice. Executive Officer to advise.

**MEETING CLOSED 11:48am**