



Mid North Coast Joint Organisation

Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: 21st February 2020
Location: C.ex Club – Morgo Street, Urunga
Time: 9.30am

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1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

It was acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people and respects were extended to the Elders past, present and emerging.

2. ATTENDEES

Mayor Liz Campbell	Kempsey Shire Council (Chair)
Mayor Dominic King	Bellingen Shire Council (Deputy Chair)
Liz Jeremy	Bellingen Shire Council (General Manager)
Stephen Mitchell	Kempsey Shire Council (Director), Delegate
Craig Swift-McNair	Port Macquarie-Hastings (General Manager)
Tanya Latanville	North Coast, Regional NSW, Delegate
Michael Thurston	Destination North Coast (General Manager) –Associate member
Fionnuala Dixon	Executive Office MNCJO

3. APOLOGIES

Craig Milburn	General Manager, Kempsey Shire Council
Mayor Peta Pinson	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council (Voting Member)
Louise McMeeking	Regional NSW , R. I. A & R (Director North Coast)
Anita Gambhir	Engagement Officer - North Coast, and Eastern, Office Local Government
Karen Purser	Manager Council Engagement, Office Local Govt.- Delegate

4. OTHER ATTENDEES

Darren Boulet	Regional Disaster Preparedness Officer (Mid North Coast), Office of Emergency Management
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5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board confirm there are no PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY Interests

No Pecuniary or Non Pecuniary interests were declared.

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

6. SPEAKERS

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accede to the request from Darren Boulet, Regional Disaster Preparedness Officer (Mid North Coast), Office of Emergency Management, to address the Board:

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board confirm the minutes of the MNCJO Board meeting held on 6 December 2019:

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board note the incoming and outgoing correspondence included on the correspondence register, for the period 01/12/2019 to 14/02/2020

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

9. MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MANAGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board note the minutes from the General Managers Advisory Committee (GMAC) meeting held on the 21st January 2020, at Kempsey Shire Council.

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

10. STANDING ITEMS

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. **Note the update reports provided by:**
 - **North Coast, Regional NSW ,Regions, Industry, Agriculture and Resources**
 - **Office Local Government**
 - **Destination NSW**
2. **Request General Manager Port Macquarie Hastings Council take forward the Board's concerns around the State Government's Regional Economic Recovery Framework**
3. **Note the requirement for the MNCJO to conduct a ballot for a Chair, at the Board meeting of 1st May 2020, in compliance with Local Government (General) Regulation, Part 11- Election: Division 12 and Schedule 7A**
4. **Request the Executive Officer to follow up with the Office of Local Government requesting the following clarification:**
 - **The extent and format of the Local Government complaints data that is planned to be included on the 'Your Council' website**
 - **Will the Office of Local Government supply the full context surrounding the complaints, including:**
 - **The nature of the complaint,**
 - **Council's response to the compliant**
 - **Whether the complaint was upheld or otherwise**
 - **Are there plans for similar complaint comparative data from the NSW state government agencies, to be made equally publicly available**

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

11. KOALA RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Note that representatives of the Koala Recovery Partnership Project have been invited to participate in an upcoming United Nations world wildlife event, in New York USA.
2. Note that the Koala Recovery Partnership will shortly issue two *Requests for Quotations* to undertake post fire surveys that will:
 - Help verify the impacts of the recent Fire events on Koala populations
 - Inform a long-term monitoring program of Koalas in the Hastings-Macleay Area of Regional Koala Significance
3. Send a letter to Rebecca Montague Drake to thank her for the level of professionalism and impactful advocacy displayed in her recent testimony at the recent NSW Government Koala Recovery Inquiry
4. Request Port Macquarie Hastings Council and Kempsey Shire Council to seek a resolution from their respective Councils, in line with the MNCJO resolution, to support the Great Koala National Park

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

12. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGMENT

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Endorse the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the MNCJO and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for the provision of the Regional Disaster Preparedness Program.
2. Request the Chair of the MNCJO to sign the above-mentioned MOU on behalf of the MNCJO.

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

13. REGIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board :

- 1. Note the information provided by Darren Boulet, Regional Disaster Preparedness Officer (Mid North Coast), Office of Emergency Management**
- 2. Request for Darren Boulet to provide a report on the Regional Disaster Preparedness Program, as a standing item for all future Board Meetings**

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

14. CROWN LAND REFORM

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board endorse the following actions pertaining to the proposed Crown Lands reforms :

- 1. Liaise with Crown Lands to establish a lands and property management subcommittee, comprising relevant technical staff from the Councils and from Crown Lands. The subcommittee to explore potential ongoing opportunities for sharing resources through the Joint Organisation**
- 2. Extend an invitation to Coffs Harbour City Council, Nambucca Shire Council and Clarence Valley Council to participate in a forum, with a view to assist forward movement on identified issues around the Crown Lands Reforms**
- 3. A letter to the Minister be drafted requesting funding for a MNCJO resource to help progress the Crown Lands reforms, and to seek an extension to the deadline for implementation of the Crown Lands Reforms.**

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

- 1. Note that Michael Ferguson, Group Manager Governance PMHC, has been nominated to lead a pre- local government election community awareness campaign, in collaboration with relevant Governance officers from Bellingen Shire Council and Kempsey Shire Councils, for future GMAC report**
- 2. Endorse in principle that costs relating to this initiative to be shared equally between the Member Councils**

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

16. NSW JOINT ORGANISATIONS CAPACITY BUILDING FUND

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

- 1. Note the announcement from the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, that the MNCJO has been successful in its application for funding of \$150,000, from the NSW Government's Joint Organisations Capacity Building Fund**
- 2. Note that the funding mentioned in (1) above, will be applied to a Biodiversity Stewardship project.**

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

17. REGIONAL WATER STRATEGY

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board note :

1. The progress towards development of a North Coast Regional Water Strategy
2. Note that a workshop has been scheduled for 11 March at Kempsey Shire Council office, facilitated by DPIE- Water, with a view to collate feedback on development of a North Coast Regional Water Strategy, from relevant water management staff from across the Councils of the North Coast NSW.

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

18. TRANSFERRAL OF ROADS FROM RURAL AND REGIONAL COUNCILS TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board note:

1. The announcement of the formation of an expert panel to review the transfer of roads from rural and regional Councils to the State Government.
2. Councils and Joint Organisations will be invited to make formal submissions to the review in March 2020, with the Final report due to be delivered to the State Government in July 2021.
3. The MNCJO will send a submission on the 21 February, referring to the "Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review – Independent Panel Terms of Reference"

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

19. OUR PRECIOUS RESOURCES

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board consider the 'Our Precious Resources' project proposal to provide 'in principal' Board endorsement and support.

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

20. JOINT ROUNDTABLE WITH NSW GOVERNMENT MINISTERS, MNCJO AND NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION – 25TH MARCH 2020

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board note:

- 1. That a Roundtable comprising a selection of NSW Government Ministers and representatives of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NRJO) and Mid North Coast Joint Organisation has been confirmed for Wednesday 25 March 2020, to be held in Parliament House, Sydney, commencing at 10:00am**
- 2. That the items of business to be discussed at the Roundtable has been confirmed.**

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

21. MNCJO BUSINESS ITEMS ONGOING

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board note the items under auspices of MNCJO that are ongoing, including information on delegates to the Regional Leadership Executive Committees and Subcommittees

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

22. NSW JOINT ORGANISATION CHAIRS FORUM– REFERRED ITEMS

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. **Note the information provided in the draft discussion paper on financial sustainability of NSW JOs**
2. **Endorse the definition of JO Sustainability for the purpose of the NSW Joint Organisation Chairs Forum JO sustainability advisory committee**
3. **Consider the amended wording of Clause 6 of the Chairs Forum terms of reference**

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

23. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were no confidential matters tabled for discussion

24. LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board consider granting leave for the late reports, as noted in the table below, to be reviewed for Board consideration:

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil

Motion	Notes	Resolution
That the Board confirm the minutes of the MNCJO Extraordinary Board Meeting held (by teleconference) on the 21 January 2020		CARRIED: 2/0 FOR: <i>King, Campbell</i> AGAINST: Nil
That the Board consider the request from LG Professionals for the MNCJO to Host a regional Local Government Management Challenge later in 2020		DECLINED: 2/0 FOR: Nil AGAINST: <i>King, Campbell</i>
That the Board note the Mayor of Bellingen’s concerns around logging in bushfire impacted forests		CARRIED: 2/0 FOR: <i>King, Campbell</i> AGAINST: Nil
That the Board note the request for delegates to be nominated to the following Committees and RLE Subcommittees: a. Weeds Advisory Committee b. Economic and Environment Subcommittee	a) Mayor of Bellingen Shire Council nominated b) Referred to GMAC for an appropriate Council Officer to be assigned.	CARRIED: 2/0 FOR: <i>King, Campbell</i> AGAINST: Nil
That the Board endorse the request for the Koala Recovery Project to contribute \$50 per week to Landcare, to enable the MNCJO Koala Ecologist to be sited in the Landcare Kempsey office		CARRIED: 2/0 FOR: <i>King, Campbell</i> AGAINST: Nil
That the Board note the General Manager PMHC will represent MNCJO at the Ministerial Advisory Group on Bushfire Recovery and will report back at next Board Meeting		CARRIED: 2/0 FOR: <i>King, Campbell</i> AGAINST: Nil

25. NEXT MEETING DATES

MOVED: *King/Campbell*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board resolve the rescheduling of the next Board Meeting to convene on the 1st May 2020 in Kempsey Shire Council Office, commencing 9.30am

CARRIED: 2/0
FOR: *King, Campbell*
AGAINST: Nil