

Mid North Coast
Joint Organisation

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1 ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

Mayor Liz Campbell, Kempsey Shire Council (Chair) Mayor Dominic King, Bellingen Shire Council Mayor Peta Pinson, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council

Non-Voting Members

Liz Jeremy, General Manager, Bellingen Shire Council and MNCJO Executive Officer, John Alexander MNCJO Project Manager, Craig Milburn, General Manager, Kempsey Shire Council, Dr Clare Allen, Chief Executive Officer Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, Michael Thurston, General Manager, Destination North Coast (via TEAMS), Anita Gambhir, Relationship Manager NSW Office of Local Government (via TEAMS), Darren Boulet, NSW Office of Emergency Management, Dr Rebecca Montague Drake - Koala Recovery Partnership (via TEAMS)

Other Attendees:

Dr Jenny Scott and James Chan – Ku-ring-gai Shire Council
Anna Zycki – Director North, Transport NSW (joined meeting at 10.00am)
Dan Champness – Director of Community Partnerships, Transport for NSW

Meeting opened at 9.05am

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The MNCJO acknowledges the various people 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

Louise McMeeking, Director North Coast, Department of Regional NSW

4 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

Chairman Liz Campbell moved to bring forward Item 9 Speakers - Item 1 – Kuring-gai Simtable demonstration and then bring forward Item 10.1 – Koala Recovery Partnership until TFNSW representative arrive at approximately 10.00am .





9 SPEAKERS

9:05am – James Chan & Dr Jenny Scott Kuring-Gai Shire Council - Simtable Demonstration

The demonstration outlined the potential use of the Simtable for prediction of not only bushfire movements in times of bush fire emergency, but also water movements during times of flooding. The demonstration provided an overview of how fire/water movements are impacted by wind speed and other weather elements. The Simtable incorporates use of typography mapping, satellite imaging and sophisticated modelling. By providing demonstrations of Simtable to the broader local community, it provides an opportunity to bring community members together to view how weather conditions can impact local communities during severe weather events. The CSIRO are due to release modelling information later this year which will allow fuel loads to be estimated and calculated.

10 MNCJO PROJECT UPDATES

Item 10.1

Subject Koala Recovery Partnership
Presented by Rebecca Montague-Drake

Update on provided by Rebecca.

Resolved: Pinson/King

That the MNCJO Board

1. Receive and note this report.

Rebecca left the meeting at 10.07am

Chairman Mayor Liz Campbell sought consensus to include the following reports in a block motion.

- 5.1 – Minutes – MNCJO Board – 12 March 2021
- 6.1 – Minutes – GMAC – 21 May 2021
- 8.1 – Correspondence Register
- Reports
- 13.1 Statement of Strategic Priorities
- 13.3 Pests Technical Working Group
- 13.4 Climate Risk Ready Program
- 13.5 Local Government Elections
- 13.7 Audit Engagement Plan
- 13.8 Bushfire Recovery and Resilience Fund
- 13.9 Fixing Country Bridges Program
- 13.10 Biodiversity Stewardship Project
- 13.11 Increasing Resilience to Climate Change

Resolved: King/Pinson

That the MNCJO Board receive and note the Minutes and endorse the recommendations outlined in the above listed Reports.



9 SPEAKERS (Resumed)

Anna Zycki and Dan Champness - Transport NSW

Anna outlined how TFNSW would like to work with Councils and outlined key points for MNCJO to note. She acknowledged the long term relationships that exist with local councils and is looking to build on this to better integrate planning and service delivery

Her presentation included the new structure within Transport NSW, noting that Dan Champness has been appointed to the role of Director of Community Partnerships. Dan manages the team that administers grants that Councils have received from Transport NSW. These range from small to large infrastructure project funding. Precinct Managers and Community Partners fall within his team.

Refer to attached presentation.

Scott Phillips - President LGNSW

Scott advised that he would like to make his attendance at these meetings a regular occurrence to both add support and provide updates and investigate opportunities for further collaboration.

Items covered by Scott included:

- Emergency Services Levy. Scott referred the Board to discussion on this issue referred to in the NSW Government Hansard Papers, June 8, 2021. (Link below)
- Regional Fire Service Assets.
- Regional Housing Affordability; and
- Skills shortages in regional areas.

Refer NSW Legislative Council Hansard Papers dated June 8, 2021 - Emergency Service Levy – Link : [HANSARD-1820781676-85881 \(1\).pdf](#) See Page 64, Page 66 through to Page 69

Chairman Liz Campbell moved to bring forward Item 12 – Standing Updates

12 STANDING UPDATES

12.2 Office of Local Government Update

Presented by: Anita Gambhir

The MNCJO Board receive and note this report

Anita left the meeting at 12.05pm

Chairman Liz Campbell moved to return to Item 7. Business Arising

7 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil



10 MNCJO PROJECT UPDATES

Item 10.2

Subject Regional Disaster Preparedness Officer Update
Presented by Darren Boulet - Resilience NSW

Resolved: King/Pinson

That the MNCJO Board receive and note the attached report.

11 OTHER JO FORUMS

Item 11.1

Subject JO Chairs Meeting
Presented by John Alexander, Project Manager

Resolved: Pinson/King

That the MNCJO Board note and receive the report.

Item 12.1

Subject Destination North Coast update
Presented by Michael Thurston

Resolved: King/Pinson

The MNCJO Board receive and note the attached report

Item 12.3

Subject Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast
Verbal Update provided by Kerry Grace

Resolved Pinson/King

That the MNCJO Board note the verbal update provided at the meeting.

Item 12.4

Subject Regional NSW
Update from Louise McMeeking

As Louise was an apology for meeting therefore no update provided.

13 REPORTS FOR THIS MEETING

Item 13.2

Subject Sustainability Plan 2021
Presented by John Alexander, Project Manager

Resolved Campbell/King

1. That the Sustainability Plan Report be further reviewed prior to consideration at the next MNCJO Meeting
2. That the Sustainability Plan review clarify proposed engagement strategies with adjacent councils and other JOs



Item 13.6

Subject Healthy Living and Ageing Workshops
Presented by John Alexander, Project Manager

That the Board note that representatives from the MNCJO/member councils are currently being sought to attend the 'Healthy North Coast' workshops commencing in June 2021.

Item 13.12

Subject Local Government Elections: Caretaker Period
Presented by John Alexander, Project Manager

That the MNCJO Board:

1. Note that the September formal meeting of the MNCJO will be deferred.
2. Note that an extra ordinary meeting could be called if necessary in lead up to LG Elections.
3. Next meeting to be held on 2 December 2021

**MOVED TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION BY DOMINIC KING
SECONDED BY LIZ CAMPBELL AT 12.22PM**

Item 13.13

Subject Confidential - Extension of Contract: Hastings Macleay Koala Recovery Partnership
Presented by John Alexander, Project Manager

REASON REPORT IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC This item is classed CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the Meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to: personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

Resolved: Pinson/King

That the MNCJO Board;

1. Approve the extension of the existing Hastings-Macleay Koala Recovery Partnership to 31 March 2022
2. Approve the use of unspent funds as proposed within this report subject to appropriate governance arrangements be put in place and approved by the Department of Planning Industry and Environment.
3. Approve the allocation of funding to the MNCJO for administration of the project as outlined in this report.

Meeting concluded at 12.37pm