

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION**

HELD VIA ZOOM

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2021

ATTENDANCE

Crs Danielle Mulholland (Chair), Vanessa Ekins, David Wright, Simon Richardson, Robert Mustow, Chris Cherry

General Managers Graham Kennett, Mark Arnold, Paul Hickey, Vaughan Macdonald, Troy Green, Michael Donnelly

Tim Williamson (RDA Northern Rivers), Anita Gambhir (OLG) Louise McMeeking (Dept of Regional NSW); Ashley Lindsay (CVC), Cr Derek Swanborough (Scenic Rim Regional Council) joined the meeting at 11.45am

Nicole Reeve Donna McIntyre (minute taker)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In opening the meeting, the Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Cr Jim Simmons (Clarence Valley Council); Michael Thurston (Destination North Coast)

12022021/1 RESOLVED

MOVED: S Richardson/D Wright

THAT the apologies for the 12 February 2021 Board meeting be noted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES and BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION HELD 20 NOVEMBER 2020

12022021/2 RESOLVED

MOVED: D Wright/R Mustow

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 20 November 2020 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL received

7. REPORTS

7.1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT - DESTINATION NORTH COAST

12022021/3 RESOLVED

MOVED: S Richardson/R Mustow

THAT the report from Destination North Coast be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – RDA NORTHERN RIVERS

12022021/4 RESOLVED

MOVED: S Richardson/D Mulholland

THAT the report from RDA Northern Rivers be received and noted.

Cr Cherry moved an amendment:

Amendment:

THAT the report from RDA Northern Rivers be received and noted

THAT the Executive Officer circulate potential topics for advocacy at RDA Ministerial teleconferences

12022021/4 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/D Mulholland

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – ROUS COUNTY COUNCIL

12022021/5 RESOLVED

MOVED: V Ekins/C Cherry

THAT the report from Rous County Council be received and noted.

Cr Ekins moved an amendment

Amendment

THAT the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation note the update and status of actions related to nature-based flood mitigation in the Richmond and Tweed River catchments

THAT the NRJO provide a letter of support for Rous County Council's funding application

12022021/6 RESOLVED

MOVED: V Ekins/C Cherry

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously

7.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL

12022021/7

MOVED: D Mulholland/C Cherry

THAT the report from Scenic Rim Regional Council be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

12022021/8

MOVED: D Mulholland/S Richardson

THAT Executive Officer Nicole Reeve, as Returning Officer conduct the election of a Deputy Chair for the NRJO.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Voting representatives for the election of Deputy Chairperson are the Mayors of the member councils as listed in the Proclamation.

These are:

- Cr Danielle Mulholland Mayor Kyogle Council
- Cr Robert Mustow Mayor Richmond Valley Council
- Cr Vanessa Ekins Interim Mayor Lismore City Council
- Cr Simon Richardson Mayor Byron Shire Council

- Cr David Wright Mayor Ballina Shire Council
- Cr Chris Cherry Mayor Tweed Shire Council

Only one nomination for the position of Deputy Chair was received. A further call for nominations was made by the Returning Officer and no additional nominations were received. There being only one nomination, the Returning Officer declared Cr Chris Cherry, Mayor of Tweed Shire Council to be elected to the role of Deputy Chair of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Cr Mulholland resumed the role of Chair

7.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

12022021/9 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/R Mustow

THAT the Board ratify the acceptance of the RDA Northern Rivers Service Agreement to 30 June 2021

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

12022021/10

MOVED: S Richardson/C Cherry

THAT the Board receive and note the Executive Officer's report

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.7 JO CAPCITY BUILDING PROJECT

12022021/10 RESOLVED

MOVED: D Mulholland/C Cherry

THAT the Board recommend the following alternative Capacity Building Projects be pursued: Investigation into the development of a Biosphere for Northern NSW and development of a Renewable Energy Prospectus

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.8 JOINT ORGANISATION MONITORING AND EVALUATION PROJECT

12022021/11

MOVED: C Cherry/D Mulholland

THAT the Board note the Terms of Reference and provide input into the review via a workshop on 26 March 2021

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.9 FINANCIAL REPORTS

12022021/12

MOVED: S Richardson/C Cherry

THAT the financial reports for period ending 31 January 2021 be accepted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL RECEIVED

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

10. CORRESPONDENCE

12022021/13

MOVED : D Wright/R Mustow

THAT the correspondence report be received and noted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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MEETING CLOSED 12.06pm

Next meeting - workshop

26 March 2021

Lismore City Council

MINUTES APPROVED

Cr Danielle Mulholland

Chair