

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

**HELD VIA ZOOM**

**FRIDAY 12 November 2021**

**ATTENDANCE**

Crs Danielle Mulholland (Chair), Chris Cherry (Deputy Chair), Vanessa Ekins, David Wright, Michael Lyon, Robert Mustow

General Managers Graham Kennett, Mark Arnold, Troy Green, Michael Donnelly

Anita Gambhir (OLG), Michael Thurston (DNC), Cr Jim Simmons and Ashley Lindsay (CVC), Tim Williamson (RDA NR), Cr Jeff McConnell (SRRC)

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 Vaughan Macdonald

**12112021/01 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: R Mustow/C Cherry**

*THAT the apologies for the 12 November 2021 Board meeting be noted*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** – All Councillors voted unanimously.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Tim Williamson noted a declaration of interest for item 7.5 – Adoption of Financial Reports

**4. ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS**

A brief representation was made by Jo Immig, Coordinator, National Toxics Network. A copy of a presentation will be circulated.

Anita Gambhir from OLG advised the Board that she is taking up a new role with Regional NSW for six months and thanked the Board for their support.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES and BUSINESS ARISING**

**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION HELD 30 JULY 2021**

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**12112021/2 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry/ R Mustow**

*THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 30 July 2021 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**

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**12112021/3 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: R Mustow/ C Cherry**

*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**

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**12112021/4 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: D Mullholland/ C Cherry**

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

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** – All Councillors voted unanimously

**7.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**12112021/5 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: R Mustow/ C Cherry**

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

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** – All Councillors voted unanimously

Cr Mulholland and Executive Officer agreed to meet with SRRC to discuss how border councils can work together once borders are opened.

#### 7.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

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##### **12112021/6 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: D Mulholland/ C Cherry**

*THAT the Executive Officer report be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Cr Cherry thanked the EO for the submissions made on behalf of the JO

#### 7.5 ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Richard Watkinson from TNR joined the meeting to discuss the documentation. Tim Williamson left the meeting for these discussions after declaring an interest.

##### **12112021/7**

**MOVED: C Cherry/ D Mulholland**

*THAT the 2020-21 general purpose financial statements presented to members be accepted and the Chair and nominated voting representative sign the statement as attached*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

#### 7.6 FINANCIAL REPORTS

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##### **12112021/8 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry/R Mustow**

*THAT the financial statements for period ending 30 September 2021 be accepted*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously

#### 7.7 CHAIR POSITION POST-ELECTION DELEGATIONS

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Cr Mulholland declared an interest and stepped out of the meeting. Cr Cherry, as Deputy Chair assumed the Chair

##### **12112021/9 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: R Mustow/ M Lyon**

*THAT The Board resolves, as per s377(1) of the Local Government Act, to delegate the role of Chair of the Joint Organisation to the current Chair, Cr Danielle Mulholland from 5 December 2021 until the election of a Chair takes place at the January 2022 Board meeting or such other time as deemed appropriate by the Board. The delegation encompasses all the Chair's roles and responsibilities as per the Northern Rivers JO Charter.*

Cr Mulholland returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair

**8. URGENT BUSINESS**

Cr Ekins raised an item of urgent business

**12112021/10 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: V Ekins/ D Mulholland**

*THAT the NRJO discuss the issue of a DPIE report regarding Council responsibility for RFS equipment as a matter of urgent business*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.**

**12112021/11 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: V Ekins/M Lyon**

*THAT the NRJO seek more information for its member councils to provide a collective response in relation to the DPIE report that regional fire fighting equipment is not the responsibility of the RFS but of councils.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.**

**9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

**12112021/12 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: M Lyon/ C Cherry**

*THAT the Board move into confidential session at 12.05*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.**

Clarence Valley Council were moved into the meeting waiting room

**12112021/13 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: R Mustow/ C Cherry**

*THAT the Board agree to publish the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest Forms*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.**

**12112021/14 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: M Lyon/ R Mustow**

*THAT the Board move out of confidential session at 12.08*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**12112021/15 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry/ M Lyon**

*THAT the correspondence report be received and noted*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.**

The Chair acknowledged the service provided by Cr David Wright over many years including the transition from NOROC to the formation of the NRJO. A letter and small gift will be provided.

Cr Ekins thanked Cr Mulholland for the role she has provided as Chair of the NRJO.

MEETING CLOSED 12.10pm

**Next meeting - TBA**

MINUTES APPROVED

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Cr Danielle Mulholland

Chair