

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION
HELD AT KYOGLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FRIDAY 19 August 2022**

In attendance:

Councillors:

- Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Ballina Shire Council (Chair)
- Cr Kylie Thomas, Kyogle Council (Deputy Chair)
- Cr Chris Cherry, Tweed Shire Council
- Cr Steve Krieg, Lismore City Council
- Cr Michael Lyon, Byron Shire Council
- Cr Robert Mustow, Richmond Valley Council

General Managers:

- Mark Arnold, Byron Shire Council
- Vaughan Macdonald, Richmond Valley Council
- Paul Hickey, Ballina Shire Council
- Graham Kennett, Kyogle Council
- Troy Green, Tweed Shire Council
- John Walker, Lismore City Council

Other Attendees:

- Anita Gambhir (OLG)
- Tim Williamson (RDA NR)
- Louise McMeeking (Dept Regional NSW)
- Phillip Rudd (NRJO)
- Megan Gibbons (minute taker)

Presenters:

- James McTavish (Cross Border Commissioner), Amy Mouafi, via Team Meets

Meeting Commenced 9:42am

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chair

2 APOLOGIES

NIL

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

4 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil received.

5 ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITOR(S)

James McTavish, Cross Border Commissioner and Amy Mouafi, Deputy Director Border Response and Recovery, provided the meeting with an update on activities of the agency.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF NRJO BOARD MEETING HELD 4 FEBRUARY 2022

19082022/2 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Thomas/Mustow

THAT the minutes of the NRJO Board meeting held 20 May 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE: All voted unanimously

ACTION:

PRudd – Distribute letter regarding Voluntary House programs.

PRudd – Follow Up 2022 Letter to Regional Working Group letter/response.

PRudd – Send/or distribute advocacy letter to the Local Member regarding local infrastructure contributions.

7 REPORTS

7.1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT - DESTINATION NORTH COAST

19082022/3 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Cherry/Mustow

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

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All voted unanimously

ACTION:

TWilliamson - Seek feedback if the North Coast Festival of Flavour was an engaging event and where the communications for the event were focused.

7.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – RDA NORTHERN RIVERS

19082022/4 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Thomas/Lyon

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

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All voted unanimously

ACTION:

TWilliamson - Update RDA report to reflect that the growth management and housing strategy will have the first meeting in the near future.

TWilliamson – Update RDA report to reflect that Industrial Land Audit successful consultants have not been notified.

PRudd – NRJO to write to premier, minister and local members to increase physical TAFE services and face to face learning in regional NSW as opposed to online learning. Very disappointed in the response from the Minister at the Country Mayors Skills forum.

7.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL

19082022/5 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Mustow/Lyon

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

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All voted unanimously

ACTION:

PRudd – Present the NRJO Board an Executive Officer options report for their consideration.

7.4 NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION STRATEGIC REGIONAL PRIORITIES

19082022/6 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Cherry/Lyon

THAT the:

1. *Report from the NRJO Strategic Regional Priorities be received and noted.*
2. *NRJO General Managers review strategic regional priorities add a priority of flood recovery, homelessness issues/community wellbeing and report back to the NRJO Board November meeting.*

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All voted unanimously

7.5 AUDIT RISK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

19082022/7 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Cadwallader/Mustow

THAT the report and minutes from the ARIC be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All voted unanimously

7.7 NORTHERN RIVERS INDUSTRIAL AND EMPLOYMENT LANDS AUDIT

19082022/8 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Thomas/Mustow

THAT the Board receive and note the Industrial and Employment Lands Audit report.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All voted unanimously

7.8 NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION

19082022/9 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Mustow/Kreig

THAT the:

1. *Northern Rivers Rail Trail report be received and noted.*
2. *NRJO board endorses the application for the business case NRRT and the business case to explore council led governance structures.*
3. *NRJO seek an extension for the grant application.*

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All voted unanimously.

7.9 FINANCIAL REPORTS

19082022/10 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Thomas/Kreig

THAT the Board receive and note the financial reports for the period ending 30 June 2022

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All voted unanimously

8 URGENT BUSINESS

No items of urgent business were raised

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No items of confidential business were raised

10 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

MOVED: Cr Mustow/Cherry

THAT the Board receive and note correspondence.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All voted unanimously.

Meeting closed 12:35pm

Next meeting

18 November 2022 at Richmond Valley Council.

Minutes approved



Cr Sharon Cadwallader

Chair