

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

HELD VIA ZOOM

FRIDAY 30 JULY 2021

ATTENDANCE

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

Cr Vanessa Ekins joined the meeting at 12.05pm

General Managers Graham Kennett, Mark Arnold, Paul Hickey, Vaughan Macdonald, Troy Green, Kate Webber (representing Lismore City Council)

Tim Williamson (RDA Northern Rivers), Anita Gambhir (OLG), Jillian Fryer (Dept of Regional NSW); Cr Jeff McCullen (Scenic Rim Regional Council)

Nicole Reeve (Executive Officer)

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 Michael Donnelly, Lismore City Council

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 7 MAY 2021**

30072021/1 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/ D Wright

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 7 May 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

30072021/2 RESOLVED

MOVED: M Lyon/ D Wright

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

30072021/3 RESOLVED

MOVED: R Mustow/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

30072021/4 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/ D Wright

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

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Cr Mulholland suggested joint workshop with SRRC on potential opportunities to work together once border restrictions are lifted.

THERE WAS NO ITEM 7.4 DUE TO TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

7.5 LGNSW ELECTIONS

30072021/5 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/D Mulholland

THAT the Board discuss a potential nomination from the NRJO for the LGNSW Board.

Cr Cherry nominated Cr Mulholland to nominate for a position on the Board of LGNSW.

Cr Mulholland withdrew herself as seconding the motion and was replaced by Cr Lyon.

An amended motion was then tabled:

30072021/6 RESOLVED

THAT the Board discuss a potential nomination from the NRJO and support the nomination of Cr Mulholland as potential delegate for LGNSW Board election

MOVED: C Cherry/ M Lyon

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

The amendment became the motion

MOVED: C Cherry/M Lyon

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

30072021/7 RESOLVED

MOVED: M Lyon/D Wright

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

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.7 REGIONAL ISSUES

Compliance Levies and Funding Review

30072021/8 RESOLVED

MOVED: D Mulholland/ M Lyon

THAT the NRJO continue to work with Member Councils to provide a collective response in relation to the State Government regulation on Compliance Levies.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ACTION:

- Letters be sent to the Planning Minister requesting delay in implementation in order for councils to investigate alternative ways to fund compliance
- Issue to be raised at JO Chair's Forum for discussion and encourage other JOs to write to the Minister on this matter

Housing Taskforce

30072021/9 RESOLVED

MOVED: M Lyon/C Cherry

THAT the NRJO continue to work with Member Councils to draft a regional submission to the Regional Housing Taskforce.

Cr Lyon moved an amendment

THAT the NRJO

- i. continue to work with Member Councils to draft a regional submission to the Regional Housing Taskforce.*
- ii. Declares we are currently experiencing a crisis situation with respect to housing availability and affordability in our community.*
- iii. Invites other JOs experiencing similar challenges to make the same declaration.*

30072021/10 RESOLVED

MOVED: M Lyon/C Cherry

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

The amendment became the motion

MOVED: M Lyon/C Cherry

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

The Briefing Paper provided by the NRJO Planners Group was discussed and a draft regional submission to the Regional Housing Taskforce will be circulated to the Board

Regional Olympics Strategy

30072021/11 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/ D Mulholland

THAT the NRJO develop a strategy aimed at maximising the benefits to the region from the hosting of the 2032 Olympic Games for the Board consideration.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.8 JO CORRESPONDENCE

30072021/12 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/ M Lyon

THAT the minutes of the JO Chairs meeting and related correspondence be noted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.9 STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY

30072021/13 RESOLVED

MOVED C Cherry/ D Wright

THAT the Board adopt the Statement of Revenue Policy for 2021-22

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.10 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30072021/14 RESOLVED

MOVED C Cherry/ M Lyon

THAT the financial reports for period ending 30 June 2021 be accepted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

30072021/15 RESOLVED

MOVED : C Cherry/ D Mulholland

THAT the Board discuss additional items of business

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Cr Cherry queried the conditions imposed on multiple occupancies (MO's) across all councils.

Cr Wright suggested this is best dealt with via the GMAC and Cr Mustow suggested she talk with the Planning group. Cr Ekins advised she would contact Cr Cherry offline

Cr Cherry then raised the matter of postal or online voting in the upcoming elections.

Cr Mulholland advised that many of her constituents don't have access to internet for online voting and that questions had been raised with OLG but no response received yet.

Cr McCullen from Scenic Rim provided his experience from recent elections – major issue was the lack of engagement opportunities for candidates due to COVID restrictions.

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

10. CORRESPONDENCE

30072021/16 RESOLVED

MOVED : C Cherry/ M Lyon

THAT the correspondence report be received and noted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

MEETING CLOSED 12.55pm

Next meeting - workshop

Friday 24 September

Kyogle Council

MINUTES APPROVED



Cr Danielle Mulholland

Chair