



# Country Mayors Association of NEW SOUTH WALES

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## AGM MINUTES

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2019, THEATRETTE, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY

The meeting opened at 9.00 a.m.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE:

Armidale Regional Council, Cr Peter Bailey  
Bathurst Regional Council, Cr Bobby Burke, Mayor  
Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr Kristy McBain, Mayor  
Bellingen Shire Council, Cr Dominic King, Mayor  
Bellingen Shire Council, Ms Liz Jeremy, General Manager  
Bland Shire Council, Cr Brian Monaghan, Mayor  
Blayney Shire Council, Cr Scott Ferguson, Mayor  
Blayney Shire Council, Ms Rebecca Ryan, General Manager  
Cabonne Shire Council, Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor  
Cabonne Shire Council, Mr Brad Burns, General Manager  
Coolamon Shire Council, Cr John Seymour, Mayor  
Coonamble Shire Council, Cr Allan Karanouh, Mayor  
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Cr Abb McAlister  
Dubbo Regional Council, Mr Michael McMahan, CEO  
Forbes Shire Council, Cr Phyllis Miller, Mayor  
Forbes Shire Council, Mr Steve Loane, General Manager  
Gilgandra Shire Council, Cr Ash Walker, Deputy Mayor  
Gilgandra Shire Council, Mr David Neeves, General Manager  
Glen Innes Shire Council, Cr Carol Sparkes, Mayor  
Griffith City Council, Mr Brett Stonestreet, General Manager  
Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Jamie Chaffey, Mayor  
Gunnedah Shire Council, Mr Eric Growth, General Manager  
Gwydir Shire Council, Cr John Coulton, Mayor  
Gwydir Shire Council, Mr Max Eastcott, General Manager  
Hilltops Council, Cr Brian Ingram, Mayor  
Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Liz Campbell, Mayor  
Kiama Municipal Council, Cr Mark Honey, Mayor  
Kyogle Council, Cr Danielle Mulholland, Mayor  
Leeton Shire Council, Cr Paul Maytom, Mayor  
Leeton Shire Council, Ms Jackie Kruger, General Manager  
Lithgow City Council, Cr Ray Thompson, Mayor  
Lithgow City Council, Mr Graeme Faulkner, General Manager

Lockhart Shire Council, Cr Roger Schirmer, Mayor  
Lockhart Shire Council, Mr Peter Veneris, General Manager  
Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor  
Moree Plains Shire Council, Ms Libby Carter, Integrated Planning and Reporting Manager  
Murray River Council, Cr Christopher Bilkey, Mayor  
Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Catherine Redding, Mayor  
Narrabri Shire Council, Mr Stewart Todd, General Manager  
Narromine Shire Council, Cr Craig Davies, Mayor  
Oberon Council, Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Mayor  
Oberon Council, Mr Gary Wallace, General Manager  
Parkes Shire Council, Cr Ken Keith, Mayor  
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Mr Tim Overall, Mayor  
Shellharbour City Council, Cr Marianne Saliba, Mayor  
Shoalhaven City Council, Cr Amanda Findley, Mayor  
Shoalhaven City Council, Mr Stephen Dunshea, CEO  
Singleton Council, Cr Sue Moore, Mayor  
Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Cr Peter Beer, Mayor  
Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Mr Peter Bascombe, General Manager  
Temora Shire Council, Cr Rick Firman, Mayor  
Temora Shire Council, Mr Steve Firth, Director Administration and Finance  
Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Peter Petty, Mayor  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Cr John Stafford, Mayor  
Uralla Shire Council, Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor  
Walcha Council, Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor  
Walcha Council, Ms Anne Moddero, General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Cr Denis Todd, Mayor  
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Mr Roger Bailey, General Manager  
Wentworth Shire Council, Cr Melisa Hendrics, Mayor  
Wentworth Shire Council, Mr Ken Ross, General Manager  
LGNSW, President, Cr Linda Scott  
LGNSW, Chief Executive, Tara McCarthy

**APOLOGIES:**

As read

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2 November 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record (Parkes Shire Council /Shell Harbour City Council).

**3. Chairman's Report**

RESOLVED That the Chairman's report be received and noted (Moree Plains Shire Council /Coolamon Shire Council)

**4. Secretaries Report – Financial Report**

RESOLVED That the financial reports for the 2018/19 year as tabled be accepted (Forbes Shire Council/ Singleton Council)

5. **Notice of Motion** (Coolamon Shire Council, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Lockhart Shire Council, Temora Shire Council)  
Cr Humphries vacated the Chair for this item and both Cr Humphries and Cr Pearce (Deputy Chairman) vacated the meeting room  
Cr Kathy Sajowitz Executive Member chaired the meeting  
Following two speakers for and two against Forbes Shire Council moved that the motion be put

CARRIED

RESOLVED That the current Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary be allowed to nominate for executive positions of the Country Mayors Association at the 2019 Annual General Meeting, as is permissible under clause 26 of the Association's Constitution (Tenterfield shire Council/Coolamon Shire Council)

Cr Humphries and Cr Pearce returned to the meeting room and Cr Humphries resumed chair of the meeting

## 6. **Returning Officer**

RESOLVED That the returning Officer for the conduct of the elections be Mr Allan Burgess (Parkes Shire Council / Coolamon Shire Council)

The Chairperson Cr Katrina Humphries Vacated the chair

## 7. **Election of Office Bearers**

### 7.1 **Chairperson**

The Returning Officer advised that he had received two nominations in writing for Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor, Moree Plains Shire Council, who was nominated by Narrabri Shire Council and Temora Shire Council and for Cr Peter Petty, Mayor Tenterfield Shire Council, who was nominated by Uralla Shire Council and Moree Plains Shire Council. Cr Petty withdrew his nomination. The Returning Officer called for any further nominations for the position of Chairperson. No other nominations were received. As there was only one nomination the Returning Officer declared Cr Katrina Humphries elected Chairperson for the 2019/20 year

### 7.2 **Vice Chairperson**

The Returning Officer advised that he had received three nominations in writing. Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor, Uralla Shire Council who was nominated by Narrabri Shire Council and Temora Shire Council, Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Mayor, Oberon Council, who was nominated by Tenterfield Shire Council and Moree Plains Shire Council and Cr Amanda Findley, Mayor, Shoalhaven City Council, who was nominated by Bellingen Shire Council and Glen Innes Severn Council. Cr Sajowitz withdrew her nomination. The Returning Officer called for any further nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. No other nominations were received. As there were two nominations an election was to be held

RESOLVED That the method of election be by open voting (Shellharbour City Council/Tenterfield Shire Council)

Following the open vote the Returning Officer declared Cr Michael Pearce elected as Deputy Chairperson for the 2019/20 year

### **7.3 Secretary/Public Officer**

RESOLVED That Mr Lester Rodgers General Manager, Moree Plains Shire Council, be appointed Secretary/Public Officer (Tenterfield Shire Council / Forbes Shire Council)

### **7.4 Executive**

Nominations for the six positions on the Executive were called for. Nominations were received for Cr John Seymour, Coolamon Shire Council, Cr Allan Karanouh, Coonamble Shire Council, Cr Carol Sparks, Glen Innes Severn Council, Cr Liz Campbell, Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Catherine Redding, Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Oberon Council, Cr Ken Keith, Parkes Shire Council, Cr Amanda Findley, Shoalhaven City Council and Cr Peter Petty, Tenterfield Shire Council

RESOLVED That the method of election be by ordinary ballot (Bellingen Shire Council/ Shoalhaven City Council)

To allow the counting of votes the AGM was adjourned at 9.39am  
The AGM was resumed at 10.35am

Following the count of the votes by the Returning Officer and Cr Linda Scott, President LGNSW the Returning Officer declared the following delegates elected to the Executive for the 2019/20 year

- Cr Ken Keith, Parkes Shire Council
- Cr Peter Petty, Tenterfield Shire Council.
- Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Oberon Council
- Cr Catherine Redding, Narrabri Shire Council
- Cr Liz Campbell, Kempsey Shire Council
- Cr John Seymour, Cooloamon Shire Council

The Chairperson Cr Katrina Humphries resumed the chair

## **8. SETTING OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

RESOLVED That the fees for the 2019/20 year remain at \$750 for Councils with a population of 10,000 and over, and Councils with a population of less than 10,000 paying 75% \$562.50 (Singleton Council / Parkes Shire Council)

## **8. Secretariat**

RESOLVED That Allan Burgess trading as Alkanat Consulting be appointed the Secretariat (Forbes Shire Council / Singleton Council)

**9. Meeting dates for 2020**

RESOLVED that the meeting dates for 2020 be 6 March, 29 May, 7 August and 6 November ( Kyogle Council / Temora Shire Council)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.40 am.

Cr Katrina Humphries

Chair – Country Mayor's Association of NSW