

## Minutes of the OROC Board Meeting

Held at Coonamble Shire Council  
on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
at 10.30am.

### 1. Meeting open

The meeting was opened at 10.31am by OROC Deputy Chair Clr Barry Holman, in the absence of OROC Chair Doug Batten.

**Present:** Clr Rex Wilson, Mayor Warren Shire; Glenn Wilcox, General Manager, Warren Shire; Ross Earl, General Manager, Bourke Shire; Clr Des Kennedy, Mayor Mid-Western Regional; Brad Cam, General Manager, Mid-Western Regional; Ian Woodcock, Mayor Walgett Shire; Paul Mann, Acting General Manager Walgett Shire; Clr Craig Davies, Mayor Narromine Shire; Jane Redden, General Manager, Narromine Shire Council; Clr Lilliane Brady, Mayor Cobar Shire; Clr Peter Abbott, Deputy Mayor Cobar Shire; Peter Vlatko, General Manager, Cobar Shire; Clr Peter Shinton, Mayor Warrumbungle Shire; Roger Bailey, General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire; Clr Angelo Pippas, Brewarrina Shire; Jeff Sowiak, General Manager, Brewarrina Shire; Clr Ray Donald, Mayor Bogan Shire; Clr Glenn Neill, Deputy Mayor Bogan Shire; Derek Francis, General Manager, Bogan Shire; Clr Ben Shields, Mayor Dubbo Regional; Michael McMahon, General Manager Dubbo Regional; Clr Ash Walker, Deputy Mayor Gilgandra Shire; David Neeves, General Manager, Gilgandra Shire; and Mark Rayner, Community Support Officer, Dubbo Regional Council.

**Apologies:** Phillip O'Connor, Mayor Brewarrina Shire Council; Derek Francis, General Manager, Bogan Shire Council; Rick Warren, General Manager, Coonamble Shire Council; Doug Batten, Mayor Gilgandra Shire Council.

**Guests:** Pip Job, NSW Drought Co-ordinator.

#### 1.1 Welcome to Coonamble Shire Council

Clr Michael Webb, Mayor of Coonamble Shire Council, warmly welcomed OROC Board Members and guests to Coonamble.

#### 1.2 Apologies

**Motion:** *That the apologies be accepted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Clr Angelo Pippas

**Seconded:** Peter Vlatko

**CARRIED**

### 2. Guests

#### 2.1 NSW Drought Co-ordinator

NSW Drought Co-ordinator Pip Job gave OROC members a rundown of the current situation with the drought, including feedback from farmers, landholders and businesses and explained some of the options the NSW Government is looking at to help regional communities through the drought.

### 3. Minutes of the previous OROC Board Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the meeting of the OROC Board held at Coonabarabran on Thursday, June 7, 2018 be accepted.*

**Moved:** Clr Ray Donald

**Seconded:** David Neeves

**CARRIED**

### 4. Minutes of previous GMAC meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the meeting of GMAC held by telephone on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 be accepted.*

A proposal was made to amend the minutes section 4.1.1 Project Officer Position Description – Orana Water Alliance.

The previous determinations were:

1. That Brad Cam be thanked for his efforts in supporting the revision of the Project Officer Position Description and Business Case outcomes.
2. That the Position Description for the Project Officer be approved.
3. That the group be known as Orana Water Utilities Alliance, incorporating the Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance.
4. That Dubbo Regional Council continue to engage and host the Alliance with regard to a 12-month contract Project Officer with one a month notice period.
5. That each Council contribute equally to the employment of the Project Officer with an annual invoice provided for each member Council by Dubbo Regional Council.
6. That the Technical Committee provide some general review of the projects under the Alliance.
7. That Dubbo Regional Council, through the Technical Committee, develop and distribute to the GMAC a budget for projects.

An amendment was moved Jeff Sowiak and seconded by Michael McMahon.

AMENDMENT

4. Dubbo Regional Council continue to engage and host the Alliance.
5. That each council contribute equally to the cost.

However it was decided that as the motion was set to be superseded at the following AGM, it was not necessary to amend the minutes.

### 5. Current issues as per minutes of meeting 6 July 2018

Ross Earl noted that GMAC provides a great forum for council collaboration and sharing of information and as a conduit to the other tiers of government. Professional groups have been an important learning mechanism for the staff and increased their networks and professional knowledge.

Whatever happens, they should continue.

Ray Donald registered his agreement with Mr Earl's statement and suggested the Annual General Meeting should include looking at ways to continue GMAC for future operations of councils in the area.

#### **6. General Business**

No general business

#### **7. Close**

The meeting closed at 11.38am.