

minutes

Meeting of:	Orana Joint Organisation
Date:	13 July 2020
Time:	9.00am
Venue:	Narromine Council Chambers (and via Zoom Video Conference)

ATTENDEES:

Cr C Davies (Chair)	Narromine Shire Council
Cr D Batten	Gilgrandra Shire Council
Cr D Todd (via zoom)	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr R Donald	
Neil Alchin	Acting General Manager Gilgrandra
Roger Bailey (via zoom)	General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Brad Cam	General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council, JO Board Interim Executive Office & Minute Taker
Derek Francis	General Manager, Bogan Shire Council
Peter Evans (via zoom)	Office of Local Government
Ashley Albury	Department of Premier & Cabinet

GUESTS

Pat Callinan (via zoom)	Pat Callinan Media
Ed Whitfield (via zoom)	Pat Callinan Media

1 WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.35am.

2 APOLOGIES

Cr D Kennedy	Mid-Western Regional Council
Cr M Quigley	Warren Shire Council
Jane Redden	General Manager, Narromine Shire Council
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgrandra Shire Council

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

PRESENTATION

Pat Callinan, Director at Pat Callinan Media – gave a presentation to see if councils are interested in engaging his media company. His show on Chanel 10 is a RV Foodie Trails program. He has engaged Julie Goodwin (previous Master Chef winner) to be the presenter. They have over 800,000 viewers per episode. He would like a number of councils to consider participating in a show. If only one council agreed the cost would be \$30k, if two councils or

more came on board the price would drop to \$25k. The shows are viewed in November and December this year.

If any council is interested, Pat's email address is pat@patcallinanmedia.com.au

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2020/050 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Davies that the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 29 May 2020 be adopted with one amendment, that Cr Donald OAM be recorded as an apology.

CARRIED

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (verbal)

6.1 Update of Chair's Meeting

Cr Davies spoke at the meeting re; the discussion of the review of the Joint Organizations that the OLG are conducting in September. He has requested that a copy of the review paper be made available to JOs so they can make comment. Cr Batten would like the Terms of Reference circulated and asked Peter Evans to investigate through the Office of Local Government and circulate to the Orana JO.

Peter Evans made comment that the Minister has written to Dubbo Regional Council, that they cannot start a new JO and that Dubbo Regional Council's response is that they are waiting for the Government's review of JOs before they make a decision. Cr Donald requested that stern action be taken by the State Government to force Dubbo Regional Council to be part of the Orana JO. Peter Evans made comment that unfortunately it is voluntary and Dubbo regional Council cannot be forced.

6.2 Options for Supporting the JO Network

2020/051 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Donald that the Orana JO not support the recommendation as listed in the business paper.

CARRIED

6.3 Draft Regional Water Strategy

Discussion was around the draft Regional Water Strategy and concerns around the list of options and whether appropriate consultation with the necessary councils has occurred. It was stated that the Commonwealth have up to 60% of the water in Burrendong for use of environmental flows. It was agreed that we need to have a united approach including the Central JO and the Far West JO working with us in a joint response.

2020/052 RESOLVED – Crs Donald/Batten that a joint response letter be sent to the Minister when we receive the Regional Water Strategy.

CARRIED

(Note: The Chair has since been informed that the Draft Regional Water Strategy has been delayed).

7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER - REPORTS

7.1 Orana JO Statement of Revenue Policy 2020/2021

2020/053 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Donald – that the Board adopt the Statement of Revenue Policy 2020/2021.

CARRIED

7.2 Draft NSW Joint Organisation Financial Sustainability Toolkit

Noted.

8 REPORTS

8.1 Orana Water Utilities Alliance Update

2020/054 RESOLVED Crs Donald/Batten that the Orana Water Utilities Alliance (OWUA) Update as at 1/07/2020 be noted.

CARRIED

9 Correspondence

Noted.

10 General Business

• Finance Report

2020/055 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Donald that the Finance Report be accepted.

CARRIED

• Dopler Radars

Cr Batten noted how pleased he was to finally see construction starting on the Dopler Radars in our region.

• Central Joint Organisation

The Executive Officer presented to the Orana JO Board the offer from Central JO to join as an Associate Member. It was pointed out to the Board that The Orana JO would have to pay similar fees as the full members do. After discussion the Board declined this offer from Central JO.

11 NEXT MEETING

The Executive Officer will need to contact the Board to arrange a time in October as 12 October 2020, as listed, is not suitable.

12 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed 11.10am.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 4) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of 2020, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 13 July 2020.

Chair