

minutes

Meeting of: Orana Joint Organisation
Date: 12 May 2021
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Narromine Council Chambers

ATTENDEES:

Clr Craig Davies (Chair)	Mayor, Narromine Shire Council
Clr Ash Walker	Deputy Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Clr Ambrose Doolan	Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Clr Milton Quigley	Mayor, Warren Shire Council
Clr Ray Donald	Mayor, Bogan Shire Council
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Jane Redden	General Manager, Narromine Shire Council
Brad Cam	General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council, JO Board Interim Executive Office & Minute Taker
Stephen Glen	General Manager, Warren Shire Council
Derek Francis	General Manager, Bogan Shire Council
Peter Evans	Office of Local Government
Ken Harrison	Department of Premier & Cabinet
Ashley Albury	Department of Premier & Cabinet

GUESTS

Name	Title
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1 WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.30am.

Peter Evans from the NSW OLG advised the JO of his resignation from the Office of Local Government.

The JO thanked Peter for his support as the JO Community Engagement Officer, noting that he has always taken up our issues and represented us at the OLG.

Peter was thanked and wished luck for the future.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for:

Roger Bailey	General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Clr Des Kennedy	Mayor, Mid-Western Regional Council
Clr Doug Batten	Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council

2021/010 RESOLVED Clrs Walker/Donald that the apologies received for Roger Bailey, Clr Des Kennedy and Clr Doug Batten be accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2021/011 – RESOLVED Clrs Doolan/Quigley that the minutes of the meeting held 24 February 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE / REPORT

Peter Evans commented that other Joint Organisations are in a similar position as the Orana JO. We will have to wait until the review of JO's is complete.

8 FINANCE REPORT

2021/012 RESOLVED Crs Walker/Donald that the Finance Reports be accepted.

CARRIED

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 Ongoing future of Orana JO

2021/012 – RESOLVED Clrs Donald/Walker:

That the Chair:

1. write to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shelley Hancock, advising that the Orana JO member councils have resigned from the Orana JO; and
2. ask that the Minister for Local Government dissolve the Orana JO.

CARRIED

9.2 Voluntary Collaborative Group of Councils – next step

Firstly, write to all former OROC members and ask what model they want.

Letter coming from Craig to all Mayors of the former OROC.

The GM Group will discuss at their 4 June 2021 meeting.

2021/013 – RESOLVED Clrs Donald/Walker:

That the Chair writes, on behalf of the Orana JO, to all former OROC members to invite them to provide feedback on how we can form a volunteer group of Councils, and request a response from the June Council meeting.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS

10.1 OWUA Update

2021/014 – RESOLVED Clrs Doolan/Walker that the minutes of the Orana Water Utilities Alliance (OWUA) meeting held on 8 April 2021 be noted.

CARRIED

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Craig spoke of the Murray Darling Basin. He talked about the Gin Gin Weir, in particular the work being done on the rebuild of the weir, and that an environmental group in Dubbo are trying to stop the weir construction. Craig is going to attend the AGM, trying to get a voice for the region.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed 10.30am.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 3) were circulated to the Orana JO for review on 8 June 2021, and were considered by all to be a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 12 May 2021.

Chair: