



THE COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC

"What we want is nothing more than equity"

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AGM Minutes

FRIDAY, 24 November 2023, Theatre, Parliament House, Sydney

The meeting opened at 8.55 am

- 1. Chairman's Welcome.**
- 2. Acknowledgement to Country**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters, and we show our respect for Elders past and present and emerging. We are committed to providing communities in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are included socially, culturally and economically.

- 3. Attendance from Local Government**

Albury City Council, Cr Kylie King, Mayor
Armidale Regional Council, Mayor, Cr Sam Coupland, Mayor
Armidale Regional Council, Mr James Roncon, General Manager
Bathurst Regional Council, Cr Jess Jennings, Mayor
Bathurst Regional Council, Mr David Sherley, General Manager
Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr Russell Fitzpatrick, Mayor
Bellingen Shire Council, Mr Mark Griffioen, General Manager
Bland Shire Council, Cr Brian Monaghan, Mayor
Bland Shire Council, Mr Grant Baker General Manager
Blayney Shire Council, Cr Scott Ferguson, Mayor
Blayney Shire Council, Mr Mark Dicker, General Manager
Bourke Shire Council, Cr Barry Hollman, Mayor
Bourke Shire Council, Ms Leone Brown, General Manager
Broken Hill City Council, Cr Jim Hickey, Deputy Mayor
Broken Hill City Council, Mr Jay Nankivell, General Manager
Byron Shire Council, Cr Michael Lyon, Mayor
Byron Shire Council, Mr Mark Arnold, General Manager
Cabonne Shire Council, Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor
Cabonne Shire Council, Mr Brad Burns, General Manager
Central Darling Shire Council, Mr Robert Stewart, Administrator
Central Darling Shire Council, Mr Gregory Hill, General Manager
Coolamon Shire Council, Cr David McCann, Mayor
Coolamon Shire Council, Mr Tony Donoghue, General Manager
Coonamble Shire Council, Cr Tim Horan, Mayor

Coonamble Shire Council, Mr Paul Gallagher, General Manager
Cowra Shire Council, Cr Ruth Fagan, Mayor
Cowra Shire Council, Mr Paul Devery, General Manager
Dubbo Regional Council, Cr Mathew Dickerson, Mayor
Eurobodalla Shire Council, Cr Mat Hatcher, Mayor
Federation Council, Cr Patrick Bourke, Mayor
Forbes Shire Council, Cr Phyllis Miller, Mayor
Forbes Shire Council, Mr Steve Loane, General Manager
Forbes Shire Council, Ms Haley Gould
Forbes Shire Council, Mr Matt Hearn
Gilgandra Shire Council, Cr Doug Batten, Mayor
Gilgandra Shire Council, Mr David Neeves, General Manager
Glen Innes Severn Council, Cr Rob Banham, Mayor
Glen Innes Severn Council, Mr Bernard Smith, General Manager
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Cr Peter Walker, Mayor
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Mr Aaron Johansson, CEO
Greater Hume Council, Cr Tony Quinn, Mayor
Greater Hume Council, Ms Evelyn Arnold, General Manager
Griffith City Council, Cr John Doug Curran, Mayor
Griffith City Council, Mr Brett Stonestreet, General Manager
Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Jamie Chaffey, Mayor
Gunnedah Shire Council, Mr Eric Growth, General Manager
Hilltops Council, Cr Margaret Roles, Mayor
Hilltops Council, Mr Anthony O'Reilly, General Manager
Inverell Shire Council, Cr Paul Harmon, Mayor
Inverell Shire Council, Mr Brett McInness, General Manager
Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Leo Hauville, Mayor
Kempsey Shire Council, Mr Craig Milburn, General Manager
Kiama Municipal Council, Cr Neil Reilly, Mayor
Kiama Municipal Council, Ms Jane Stroud, CEO
Lachlan Shire Council, Cr John Medcalf, Deputy Mayor
Leeton Shire Council, Cr Tony Reneker, Mayor
Leeton Shire Council, Ms Jackie Kruger, General Manager
Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Cr Doug Hawkins, Mayor
Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Mr Gary Murphy, General Manager
MidCoast Council, Cr Claire Pontin, Mayor
Mid-Western/Mudgee Regional Council, Cr Des Kennedy, Mayor
Mid-Western/Mudgee Regional Council, Mr Brad Cam, General Manager
Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Mark Johnson, Mayor
Moree Plains Shire Council, Mr Kelvin Tytherleigh, General Manager
Murrumbidgee Council, Cr Ruth McRae, Mayor
Murrumbidgee Council, Mr John Scarce, General Manager
Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Darrell Tiemens, Mayor
Narrabri Shire Council, Mr Robert Williams, General Manager
Narrandera Shire Council, Cr Neville Kschenka, Mayor
Narrandera Shire Council, Mr George Cowan, General Manager
Narromine Shire Council, Cr Craig Davies, Mayor
Narromine Shire Council, Ms Jane Redden, General Manager
Oberon Council, Cr Mark Kellam, Mayor
Oberon Council, Mr Gary Wallace, General Manager
Orange City Council, Cr Jason Hamling, Mayor
Orange City Council, Mr David Waddell, General Manager
Parkes Shire Council, Cr Ken Keith
Port Stephens Council, Cr Ryan Palmer, Mayor
Port Stephens Council, Mr Tim Crosdale, General Manager
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Ms Rebecca Ryan, CEO
Shoalhaven City Council, Cr Amanda Findley, Mayor
Singleton Council, Cr Sue Moore, Mayor
Singleton Council, Mr Jason Linnane, General Manager
Snowy Valleys Council, Cr Ian Chaffey, Mayor
Snowy Valleys Council, Mr Matthew Hyde, General Manager
Tamworth Regional Council, Cr Judy Coates, Deputy Mayor
Tamworth Regional Council, Mr Paul Bennett, General Manager
Temora Shire Council, Cr Rick Firman, Mayor
Temora Shire Council, Ms Melissa Boxall, General Manager
Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Bronwyn Petrie, Mayor
Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Cr Pam Kensit, Mayor
Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Ms Alex Waldron, CEO
Uralla Shire Council, Cr Robert Bell, Mayor
Uralla Shire Council, Ms Toni Averay, General Manager
Walcha Council, Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor
Walcha Council, Mr Phil Hood, General Manager
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Mayor
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Mr Roger Bailey, General Manager
Weddin Shire Council, Cr Paul Best, Deputy Mayor
Weddin Shire Council, Ms Noreen Vu, General Manager
Wollondilly Shire Council, Cr Matt Gould, Mayor
LGNSW, Cr Darriea Turley, President
LGNSW, Mr David Reynolds, CEO
LGNSW, Mr Damien Thomas, Director, Advocacy
LGNSW Ms Bronwen Regan, Manager Strategy

Apologies:

As submitted

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Adjourned Annual General Meeting held on 18 November 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved - Forbes Shire Council Councillor - Phyllis Miller

Seconded - Temora Shire Council Councillor - Rick Firman

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman Cr Jamie Chaffey outlined the years highlights and thanked everybody for their support during the term.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman's report be received and noted

Moved - Gunnedah Shire Council Councillor - Jamie Chaffey

Seconded - Temora Shire Council Councillor - Rick Firman

6. Secretaries Report – Financial Report

RESOLVED: That the financial reports for the 2022/23 year as tabled be accepted

Moved Narrandera Shire Council Councillor Neville Kschenka

Seconded Singleton Council Councillor Sue Moore

7. Endorsement of Hosting Non-Metropolitan Meetings in 2024

Mayor Phyllis Miller Forbes Shire Council and Mayor Leo Hauville Kempsey Shire Council spoke on their submissions.

RESOLVED:

That the submissions submitted by Forbes Shire Council for a non- metropolitan meeting on the 8-9 April 2024 and from Kempsey Shire Council for a non- metropolitan meeting on the 13-14 June 2024 be endorsed.

Moved - Goulburn Mulwaree Council Councillor - Peter Walker

Seconded - Glen Innes Severn Council - Councillor Ron Banham

8. Returning Officer

RESOLVED:

That the Returning Officer for the conduct of the elections be the Secretary Mr Eric Growth

Moved - Singleton Council Councillor - Sue Moore

Seconded - Forbes Shire Council Councillor - Phyllis Miller

9. Election of Executive Member

Three nominations were received for the vacant Executive Committee position. Nominations were received from Cr Rod Banham, Glen Innes Severn Council, Cr Patrick Bourke, Federation Council and Cr Steve Reynolds, Muswellbrook Shire Council. Ballot papers were distributed and a count of the ballot papers was conducted by the Returning Officer. The meeting continued

10. Signatories to CMA Bank Accounts

RESOLVED:

That the signatories to the CMA Bank Accounts No 260210575727 and No 250210246625 be Mr Eric Growth General Manager, Mr Kalana Tennakoon Manager Finance, and Ms Kelly Stidworthy Director Corporate Services of Gunnedah Shire Council

Moved - Cowra Shire Council Councillor - Ruth Fagan

Seconded - Temora Shire Council Councillor - Rick Firman

11. Appointment of Secretariat for 2024

RESOLVED:

That Regional Development Australia Inland Northern NSW be appointed as the Secretariat for 2024

Moved - Inverell Shire Council Councillor - Paul Harmon

Seconded - Glen Innes Severn Council Councillor - Ron Banham

12. Setting of Annual Membership Fees

RESOLVED:

That the fees for the 2023/24 year be set at \$1,500 for Councils with a population of 10,000 and over, and Councils with a population of less than 10,000 paying 75% \$1,125.

Moved - Armidale Regional Council Councillor - Sam Coupland
Seconded - Forbes Shire Council Councillor - Phyllis Miller

13. Meeting Dates for 2023

RESOLVED:

That the meeting dates for 2024 be 22 March, 10 May, 9 August and 15 November

Moved - Bland Shire Council Councillor - Brian Monaghan
Seconded - Forbes Shire Council Councillor - Phyllis Miller

14. Executive

Following the count of the votes Cr Patrick Bourke was declared elected to the Executive for the 2023/24 year

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 am.

Cr Jamie Chaffey
Chairman Country Mayor's Association of NSW