



MINUTES – Ordinary BROC Meeting 17 November 2017 – Moree

Venue:	Council Chambers, Level 2, 30 Heber St Moree	Date:	17 November 2017
Chair:	Cr John Coulton, Gwydir	Time:	11.30am DST (10.30am Qld)
Attendees:	Cr K Dight (Inverell), Cr Frances Young, Richard Jane [Director Technical Services], Alex Eddy [Manager Design and Assets], R Phillips (Gwydir), Cr J McNally (SDRC), M Magin [CEO] (Balonne), Cr Ian Woodcock, D Ramsland [GM] (Walgett), Cr Joan White (Goondiwindi RC), Cr B Murray, Cr D Forbes (Tenterfield), Cr S Ritchie, Cr G Chiu, Angus Witherby [Director Planning and Community Development] and Libby Carter [A/GM] (MPSC), guest speakers		
File ref:	S1242		

1	Meeting Opened at 11.20am following conclusion of the AGM	
2	Apologies	
	Max Eastcott	Gwydir Shire Council
	Cr Peter Petty	Tenterfield Shire Council
	Cr Richard Marsh	Balonne Shire Council
	Paul Henry	Inverell Shire Council
	David Keenan CEO	Sthn Downs Regional Council
	Lester Rodgers	Moree Plains Shire Council
	Bryan Gray	RDA Darling Downs and SW
	Damon Meadows and Jim Grassick	QLD Dept of Infrastructure, LG and Planning
	James McTavish	Cross Border Commissioner
3	Minutes of Meeting 25 August 2017 (Walgett)	
3.1	Matters arising from the Minutes:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman reiterated the offer from Prof Paul Martin at UNE – collaboration with UNE - ideas for review of Murray Darling Basin Plan Cr Ritchie noted he had not received maps of land leases as discussed with Peter Dawson, LLS Tamworth. RP will follow up with LLS 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Dight noted that the response from QLD Minister for Agriculture regarding 'Mimosa' was referred to Local Land Services when dealing with the mimosa problem in the regeneration of the riverbank at Yetman 										
	<p>Moved that the minutes of meeting 25 August be accepted: Moree Seconded: Tenterfield Carried</p>										
4	Correspondence										
4.1	<p>Inwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murray Darling Basin Authority Fact Sheet, Basin Plan Evaluation sent by Prof Paul Martin, UNE Request from the Committee on Community Services for BROCC to make submission by 17 November – inquiry into support for new parents and babies Invitation to attend Recover Natural Disaster Management Solution Information days in October/November 2017 Warwick Credit Union statements 31 August, 30 Sept and 31 Oct 2017 NAB statements 11 August, 11 September and 11 October 2017 Response from QLD Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries (Mimosa) 										
4.2	<p>Outwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to Federal Minister Environment and Energy (request to declare Vachellia Farnesiana [Mimosa] noxious or priority weed) + copies to NSW and QLD Ministers for environment Invitation to Tim Hansen, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to attend as guest presenter Invitation to ARTC Inland Rail to attend next meeting Notice of BROCC attendance Recover Natural Disaster Management Solution information day in Dubbo 21 November 2017 (Walgett and Moree Plains Shire Councils) 										
4.3	<p>Correspondence received since Agenda sent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for letter of support for Russell Stewart, re-application for Chairperson of RDANI 										
	<p>Moved that the correspondence be accepted: Inverell Seconded: Moree Carried</p>										
5	Financial Report as at November 2017										
	<p><u>Warwick Credit Union</u></p> <p>Term Deposit due 22 January 2018 – 100005924-I2</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Balance as at 31 July 2017</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$26,908.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reinvested for 6 months at 2.6%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing balance as at 31 October 2017</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$26,908.64</td> </tr> </table> <p>Account 400379187 – S6</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Opening balance 31 July 2017</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nil transactions</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Balance as at 31 July 2017	\$26,908.64	Reinvested for 6 months at 2.6%		Closing balance as at 31 October 2017	\$26,908.64	Opening balance 31 July 2017	\$0.18	Nil transactions	
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<u>National Australia Bank</u>		
	Opening balance 12 August 2017	\$5,895.45
	Less chq 00036 (Accommodation Prof Martin UNE)	\$124.00
	Balance as at 06 September 2017	\$5,771.45
	Interest paid 29 September 2017	0.22
	Balance as at 10 November 2017	\$5,771.67
	Moved that the financial report be accepted: Inverell Seconded: Moree Carried	
6	Guest Speakers	
11.20am	Tim Hansen, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator	
	<p>Tim gave a presentation (attached) that shows the changes to Safety Management Systems and Chain of Responsibility that will come into effect in mid-2018.</p> <p>Discussed the recently launched portal for road managers to process heavy vehicle access permit applications and gave an overview of how the NHVR operates in the BROCC area.</p> <p>Tim also distributed information on funding initiatives.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <p>Cr Dight (Inverell) asked about road train access on the Bruxner Highway</p> <p>RJ (Gwydir) noted that the Bruxner Hwy from Boggabilla to Ottley Creek was one of the first five roads approved in Gwydir for road train access – the section east of Ottley Creek is in Inverell Shire Council and therefore requires approval by Inverell Shire Council.</p>	
11.50am	<p>Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall briefly discussed funding opportunities that will be available between now and March 2019 across all categories including arts, infrastructure, culture, sporting.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (IW Walgett) – what’s happening with tourism in regional NSW? <p>AM - major tourism reform about to occur with a review of the NSW Tourism Strategic Plan currently being undertaken. Specific regional targets will be set to drive further investment.</p> <p>Need to address dispersal of overseas visitors, a campaign has been started to attract overseas visitors. Expect announcement of initiatives in early 2018 – currently Dubbo and Mudgee are pilot areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (BM Tenterfield) - how can TAFE courses retain integrity? <p>AM – all courses need to be accredited by ASQA (Australian Skills Quality Authority) for delivery by any Registered Training Organisation (RTO). There is also a check that all finance is delivered by Training Services NSW – contracts need to be signed to ensure RTOs are delivering KPIs in order to retain funding.</p> <p>Both federal and state checks are carried out and some private RTOs have</p>	

	<p>been deregistered as a result of not meeting requirements.</p> <p>TAFE is competing with private RTOs and is paid on enrolments so works very closely with business and industry to ensure the courses reflect the skills needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (FY Gwydir) – how does one go about requesting transfer of land between state and local government/community <p>AM – there is a process to follow with other government agencies being consulted; once land is declared surplus it is advertised, there may be an opportunity for councils to obtain a peppercorn rent arrangement, or the land may become available for community use.</p>
12.00pm	<p>ARTC (inland Rail) - Mitch Carr, Michael Clancy, Simon Eldridge, Naomi Cavanagh and Helena Orel</p> <p>Overview was given of the (ARTC) Melbourne to Brisbane inland rail project – presentation attached.</p> <p>A pilot program exists to study commodity flows through NSW including road and rail; where do councils want freight corridors; consideration will be given to industrial zones</p> <p>Currently fast moving consumer goods are predominately road based</p> <p>From regional perspective 80% of imports into Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney are consumed in that region; whereas it is the opposite in export with 80% of export items coming from regional areas</p> <p>EIS for Narrabri to North Star went on exhibition on 15 November (close 15 December)</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <p>(JC Gwydir) – how do grain trains slot into the plan for Melbourne to Brisbane rail?</p> <p>MC – schedule needs to be flexible, specifications can mean a sudden change, rule of thumb for preferences is “two legs, four legs, no legs, coal” – therefore wheat trains have precedence over coal trains.</p> <p>(SR Moree) – where will the intermodal hubs be located?</p> <p>ARTC – demand will determine.</p> <p>(JW Goondiwindi) – where is the track going to cross the QLD border?</p> <p>MC – recommendations have been made, expect an announcement from the Minister soon. North Star to border State Significant Infrastructure Application is ready to be submitted to NSW Govnt in Feb/March with study area determined – the line will cross the border somewhere within the study area which is currently east of Boggabilla.</p> <p>(MM Balonne) – how will ARTC handle the difference in track gauge?</p> <p>SE – QLD section will be dual gauge providing standard gauge connectivity.</p> <p>(AW Moree) – the inland rail project and associated ‘gate to plate’ logistics will have substantial impacts on local governments. In particular a complete re-think of local road networks will be required as they re-orientate to take best advantage of inland rail, and also the need for local roads to provide the missing “last mile” link. This is a particular issue for black soil shires.</p>
12.30pm	<p>Duncan Taylor from Country Universities Centre (CUC) gave a presentation (attached).</p>

	<p>Duncan is from Cooma and has been involved in developing a model to address the delivery of higher education in regional areas.</p> <p>Higher education is a regional problem and therefore requires a regional solution</p> <p>74% of regional students remain in cities after graduation</p> <p>University Centre Model was set up in Cooma in 2013 with great success – fee share arrangements with Uni</p> <p>Centres on track for Goulburn and Broken Hill in 2018 with another five potential regional locations for CUC</p> <p>Currently negotiating with University of Southern Queensland, University of New England and Seek for partnerships in other areas/centres</p> <p>Online education students miss out on networks – these centres provide tutorials in every subject every week by local teachers with Masters qualifications</p> <p>Looking at combining Moree and Narrabri as a location for CUC</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <p>(MM Balonne) – is there a minimum size demographic?</p> <p>DT – want to provide the best opportunities in different sized towns – keen to explore opportunities</p> <p>Website www.cuc.org.au</p>
7	General Business
7.1	<p>AW, MPSC spoke of Transport NSW Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan Future Transport 2056 – providing a transport strategy for next 40 yrs</p> <p>This Plan is seeking an explicit focus on regional and cross border transport issues. Individual councils should be encouraged to make submissions – due 03 December 2017 – website https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/</p>
7.2	<p>RS RDANI sought support of BROCC in his quest for reapplication for position of Chairperson of RDANI – the Committee agreed to provide a letter of support</p>
7.3	<p>RJ Gwydir noted that he was on a Transport Advisory Group that produced a BROCC Transport Plan. Suggested that now would be an ideal time to liaise with ARTC and review/update the BROCC Transport Plan.</p> <p>Need to develop evidence based objective plan on future BROCC Transport Plan considering impacts of inland rail on roads.</p> <p>(Noted that quote for CSIRO to prepare a model transport plan for Namoi JO was K\$48 and could take 6 months.)</p> <p>AW and RJ will liaise and come back to BROCC with suggestions.</p> <p>BROCC Secretary to distribute to members prior to 09 Feb meeting for discussion at that meeting.</p> <p>JMcN SDRC advised that Southern Downs Regional Council is currently working with neighbouring councils to develop a transport plan.</p>
7.4	<p>MPSC sought clarification on protocol regarding obtaining speakers for BROCC meetings. Was advised that current executive council arranges 2</p>

	speakers with host council to provide 1 presentation/speaker.
7.5	Cr McN (SDRC) noted that should the Liberal/NP win the Queensland elections they have announced they will establish a Queensland Cross Border Commissioner.
7.6	It was agreed that members meet on the eve of meetings where possible providing a networking opportunity; this may also allow earlier commencement of meeting. Secretary to send reminder 2 weeks prior to meeting.
8	Next Meeting – 09 February 2018 - Balonne (followed by Gwydir, Goondiwindi, Tenterfield)
9	Meeting Closed – 2.30pm

Action Item Log:			
Officer	Item	Listed	Outcome
All Members	Consider UNE offer – provide ideas for next BROCC meeting	25/08/17	Closed
Exec	Letter to Minister for Environment and Energy - mimosa	25/08/17	Completed
Exec	3.1 - LLS to liaise with MPSC re provision of land lease maps	25/08/16	
Exec	Letter of Support for RDANI	17/11/17	
RJ & AW	Suggestions for review of BROCC Transport Plan	17/11/17	
Exec	Distribute suggestions for Transport Plan prior to 09 Feb 2018 meeting	17/11/17	
Exec	Notify members 2 weeks prior re accommodation arrangements	17/11/17	