



MINUTES

09 November 2018 – Tenterfield Shire Council

Venue:	Council Chambers, 247 Rouse St, Tenterfield	Date:	09 November 2018
Chair:	Cr John Coulton, Gwydir	Time:	11am NSW time 10am QLD time
Attendees:	Cr J Coulton, Robyn Phillips	Gwydir Shire Council	
	Cr Peter Petty, Cr Greg Sauer, Terry Dodds	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	Cr Richard Marsh, Matthew Magin	Balonne Shire Council	
	Cr S Ritchie, Angus Witherby	Moree Plains Shire Council	
	Cr Kate Dight, Michael Bryant	Inverell	
	Cr Joan White	Goondiwindi	
	Cr , Cr Ian Woodcock, Cr M Martinez, Mike Urquhart	Walgett	
	Cr Neil Mickeljohn	SDRC	
	Russell Stewart, Nathan Axellson, Bronwyn Pearson	RDANI	
	Linda Keeshan (QDP&C), Andrew Fraser (WaterNSW)	Guest Speakers	
	Cr Jamie Chaffey and Cr John Campbell	Gunnedah Shire Council guests	
	Damon Meadows	QLD Dept LG	
File ref:	S1242		

1	Meeting Opened at 11.25am	
2	Apologies	
	Cr Frances Young, Max Eastcott	Gwydir Shire Council
	Trudi Bartlett	RDA, Darling Downs and Southwest
	Lester Rodgers	Moree Plains Shire Council
	Cr Brian Murray	Tenterfield
	Moved that Apologies be accepted Tenterfield, Seconded Inverell Carried	
3	Minutes of Meeting 10 August (Goondiwindi)	

3.1	Matters arising from the Minutes																		
3.1.1	Review of BROC Transport Plan – in General Business																		
3.1.2	Further research on rural roads - \$10,000 invested on term deposit with NAB, will mature on 27 December 2018.																		
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4	Correspondence																		
4.1	Inwards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank statements Warwick Credit Union and National Australia Bank Scott Smith, SE Qld Mayors – can address May 2019 meeting 																		
4.2	Outwards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to Minister Niall Blair, Minister for Primary Industries, Regional Water and Trade to address the November BROC meeting Invitation to Andrew Fraser, WaterNSW to address BROC meeting Request for Cross Border representation from Queensland Invitation to Scott Smith – SE Qld Mayors – to address the August BROC meeting Invitation to Shane Hatton, Rural and Remote Medical Services to address meeting Request to NAB to transfer \$10,000 to term deposit 																		
4.3	Moved that correspondence be accepted Walgett, Seconded Inverell Carried																		
5	Financial Report as at 30 September 2018																		
5.1	<p><u>Transactions since presented to last meeting:</u></p> <p><u>Warwick Credit Union – Fixed Term Deposit matures 22 Jan 2019</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Balance as at 31 July 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$20,586.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing balance as at 30 September 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$20,586.04</td> </tr> </table> <p>WCU Account 400379187 – S6</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Opening balance 31 July 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing balance as at 30 September 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.18</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>National Australia Bank</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Opening balance as at 12 July 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8,108.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transfer from Warwick Credit Union</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance as at 31 July 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15,108.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance as at 30 September 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$15,108.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Balance as at 31 July 2018	\$20,586.04	Closing balance as at 30 September 2018	\$20,586.04	Opening balance 31 July 2018	0.18	Closing balance as at 30 September 2018	0.18	Opening balance as at 12 July 2018	\$8,108.71	Transfer from Warwick Credit Union	7,000.00	Balance as at 31 July 2018	15,108.71	Balance as at 30 September 2018	\$15,108.71		
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5.2	<p>Matters arising from Financial Report</p> <p>NAB has certified that the investment of \$10,000 was effected from 27 September, for 3 months to mature 27 December 2018:</p> <p>Account Number: TBC</p>																		

	<p>Amount: \$10,000 Term: 3 months Lodgement Date: 27/09/2018 Maturity Date: 27/12/2018 Interest Rate pa: 2.50% Gross Interest at maturity: \$62.33`</p>
	<p>Moved that the financial report is accepted Gwydir, Seconded Inverell Carried</p>
6	Guest Speakers
6.1	<p>Linda Keeshan (Q Dept Premier and Cabinet) – spoke of cross border collaboration</p> <p>Emphasised BROC members to contact either Linda or James McTavish with any areas of concern and they will ensure representation with the relevant service delivery.</p> <p>They are aware of existing health and education issues – both James McTavish and Linda will take the TAFE issue back to relevant state departments and will advise of outcomes</p> <p>QLD Dept Premier and Cabinet currently reviewing priorities. <i>2018-19 Work List distributed with these minutes.</i></p>
6.2	<p>RDANI Russell Stewart and Bronwyn Pearson – spoke of federal funding available from October 2018 to June 2020. RDANI will work with local stakeholders in developing projects for regional employment trials. Bronwyn is the local employment facilitator for RDANI and will contact and meet with councils – Factsheet attached.</p>
6.3	<p>Andrew Fraser – WaterNSW</p> <p>Andrew gave a background on WaterNSW</p> <p>Currently Levels of Service are a priority and a 20 year infrastructure options study for rural valleys (NSW) has been developed following consultation during 2016/17 with customers/users.</p> <p>WaterNSW 20yr infrastructure paper provides long term water supply options but is not a capital works plan – it identifies potential options which may progress for consideration.</p> <p>https://www.waternsw.com.au/projects/infrastructure-studies/20-year-infrastructure-options-study</p> <p>Andrew mentioned the Gwydir Valley Priority Catchment Project – a meeting was held in October with a stakeholders reference group including MPSC – further meetings to occur – Cr Coulton requested Gwydir be invited to attend any future meetings.</p> <p>Briefly spoke of the problem of cold water pollution in Gwydir (Copeton) – cold water curtain won't work in all dams due to design of outlets – WaterNSW still testing – some systems difficult for operators (e.g. Chaffey and Pindari).</p> <p>Copeton, Keepit, Wyangala and Blowering dams on radar for cold water pollution.</p> <p>Water quality (e.g. blue green algae) takes priority over cold water pollution.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Tenterfield noted that it has been stated no dams have been approved due to environmental objections – how can we get new dams approved?</p>

	<p>Andrew replied – Minister for Regional Water will consider other options such as raising dam levels, buying offsets</p> <p>Mole river – results of a WaterNSW study have been referred to Commonwealth – involves liaison with QLD and stakeholder groups</p> <p>Inverell questioned ‘is option to expand Pindari and Glenlyon likely to occur’ – Andrew responded – hampered by budget – completely funded by WaterNSW – need to take proposals to Treasury</p> <p>Goondiwindi – how does WaterNSW involve the community?</p> <p>Andrew responded that WaterNSW liaises with Customer Advisory Groups (CAGs) in each rural valley – meetings are coordinated by Jonathon Dixon (WaterNSW) Ph 02 9865 2566 – 0437 190 494.</p> <p>It is expected that customer engagement regarding the LOS process (Options Study) will be completed by mid 2019.</p>
6.4	<p>Terry Dodds (Tenterfield) – Waste to Energy proposal</p> <p>Tenterfield council in conjunction with New England JO has undertaken significant research into Waste to Energy and provided a comprehensive presentation to NSW Country Mayors.</p> <p>Terry gave an abridged presentation to the BROCC meeting. A copy of Tenterfield Council’s Feasibility Study Outline is attached.</p> <p>NSW Country Mayors Assn will send letter to all Regional and Rural councils seeking their financial support.</p> <p><i>For further information contact Terry Dodds at Tenterfield Council.</i></p>
7	Items listed
7.1	Cross Border issues – TAFE, access, qualifications – refer 6.1
7.2	<p>BROCC Transport Plan</p> <p>Angus Witherby (MPSC) spoke about the CSIRO TraNSIT model.</p> <p>With a lot of the data already available, CSIRO has developed a national model.</p> <p>MPSC has commissioned CSIRO to model specific scenarios within their shire, utilising some work already undertaken for the inland rail study.</p> <p>There is an opportunity to build on this base for the review of the BROCC transport study.</p> <p>The Moree project looked at updating local information to provide a more accurate model and this would assist any model use by BROCC.</p> <p>The key to these models is to ensure that data entered is accurate.</p> <p>Once refined for an area, the TraNSIT model has a predictive ability (e.g. traffic and transport predictions) which allows for different scenarios to be modelled. The information from the CSIRO model underpins a cost benefit analysis of these scenarios (nominated by councils or by BROCC overall).</p> <p>The TraNSIT model has a rigorous transport system simulation which gives local and regional perspectives, including the ability to provide a regional view of multiple councils for BROCC, including regional infrastructure – e.g. Bruxner Way present in four member BROCC councils.</p> <p>Regional links with neighbouring councils can also be explored.</p>

	<p>For CSIRO to run a baseline model for BROCC, testing 8 - 10 different transport scenarios – e.g. Bruxner Way – the cost would be \$73,400.</p> <p>Additional scenarios can be added later by individual councils if they wish at a modest cost.</p> <p>Tenterfield noted these studies will benefit the Bruxner Way Joint Committee.</p> <p>Moved: Gwydir that BROCC begins application to Qld and NSW State governments for financial assistance towards transport plan</p> <p>Seconded: Inverell Carried</p> <p>A copy of the TraNSIT model as presented is available on Borderroc website under Minutes and Presentations - http://borderroc.com/</p>
7.3	Bruxner Way Joint Committee - will meet following this meeting Committee will send correspondence
8	Next Meeting – 08 February, 2019 in Inverell (followed by SDRC in May, Walgett in August, Moree in November 2019)
9	Meeting Closed –

Action Item Log:			
Officer	Item	Listed	Outcome
RJ & AW	Report – Review of BROCC Transport Plan to be submitted to May 2018 meeting	09/02/18	Refer 7.2 on 9/11/18
Exec	Commission further research on rural roads	04/05/18	On hold
Exec	4.3.1 – Invest \$10,000 for 3 months Term Deposit	10/08/18	Completed
Exec	6.1 – Letter in support of creating a Cross Border Commissioner role in QLD government	10/08/18	Completed
Exec	8.1 – Include item on AGM Agenda - BROCC Roads Group	10/08/18	Completed
Exec	8.3 – Include 20yr water infrastructure study on Agenda for AGM	10/08/18	Completed
Exec	8.3 – Invite Minister for regional Water Niall Blair MP (or delegate) to give presentation at AGM	10/08/18	Completed
Exec	7.2 – Commence application for finance for BROCC transport plan	09/11/18	