



CANBERRA REGION
JOINT ORGANISATION

CRJO Board Meeting

Friday, 25 February 2022

09:00am – 12:00pm

JFK & CDG Rooms, The Vibe Hotel Canberra

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VOTING MEMBERS	
Bega Valley Shire Council	Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick Mr Anthony McMahon
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Mayor Mathew Hatcher Dr Catherine Dale
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Mayor Peter Walker Mr Warwick Bennett
Hilltops Council	Mayor Margaret Roles Mr Anthony O'Reilly
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Mayor Kenrick Winchester Mr Peter Tegart
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	Mayor Narelle Davis Mr Peter Bascomb
Snowy Valleys Council	Mayor Ian Chaffey Mr Matthew Hyde
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Mayor Pamela Kensit Ms Colleen Worthy
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Mr Viv May (Administrator) Ms Lisa Miscamble
Yass Valley Council	Mayor Allan McGrath Mr Chris Berry
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	
ACT Government	Ms Wilhelmina Blount Dr David Clapham
East Gippsland Shire Council	Mayor Mark Reeves Mr Anthony Basford
Wagga Wagga City Council	Mayor Dallas Tout Mr Peter Thompson
AFILIATE MEMBERS	
Canberra Airport	Mr Noel McCann
ATTENDEES	
Canberra Region Joint Organisation	Ms Kalina Koloff
Resilience NSW	Ms Heidi Stratford
Office of Local Government	Ms Karen Purser
NSW Government – Regional NSW	Ms Megan Cleary
NSW Cross Border Commissioner	Ms Emma Watts
Snowy Valleys Council	Mr James Hayes

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GUESTS	
NSW Office of Local Government	Ms Ally Dench
Regional NSW	Mr Johnathon Wheaton
NSW Dept Planning and Environment	Ms Claudia Jordan Mr Graham Towers
Transport for NSW	Mr Cameron Mckinnon Mr Mark Hannan Ms Joanne Parrott
CRJO	Ms Leanne Barnes Mr Noel Schiller Mr Robbert Mels

1. Opening Meeting

The CRJO CEO acting as interim Chair until the election of a new Chair opened the meeting.

2. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

The CRJO CEO acting as interim Chair welcomed members and guests and made an acknowledgment of country.

3. Apologies

The CRJO Board resolved that the apologies of Mr Andrew Barr (Chief Minister, ACT), Mr Noel McCann (Canberra Airport), Mayor Mark Reeves (East Gippsland Shire Council), Mr Anthony Basford (East Gippsland Shire Council) and Johnathon Wheaton (Regional NSW) be accepted.

***Russell Fitzpatrick/Viv May
CARRIED***

4. Election of the Chair and Deputy Chair

Returning Officer: Ms Kalina Koloff, CEO CRJO

The Returning Officer called for nominations to the position of Chair and Deputy Chair of the CRJO.

Resolution of Voting Method

The Returning Officer sought a determination on the method of voting for multiple nominations. The agreed method being show of hands was unanimously supported.

Election of the CRJO Chair

The Returning Officer indicated there was one nomination for the position of CRJO Chair being Cr Russell Fitzpatrick

The Returning Officer called for any further nominations.

There being no further nominations the Returning Officer declared Cr Russell Fitzpatrick as the CRJO Chair.

Election of the CRJO Deputy Chair

The Returning Officer indicated there were no nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

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The Returning Officer called for any further nominations.

A single nomination was received from Cr Narelle Davis.

There being no further nominations the Returning Officer declared Cr Narelle Davis as the CRJO Deputy Chair.

The Returning Officer handed over to the newly elected Chair to preside over the meeting.

5. Disclosure of Interest

With reference to Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act 1993, and CRJO's Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare any conflicts of interest in the matters under consideration by CRJO at this meeting.

Nil recorded

6. Confidential Matters

The CRJO Board must resolve to move into Closed Session to deal with any items under s10 Local Government Act 1993.

Nil recorded

7. Urgent Business

7.1 CRJO Drought Resilience Pilot Program Proposal

RESOLVED

The CRJO Board:

1. *Noted the proposal from the CRJO to coordinate the delivery of a pilot Drought Resilience project in Upper Lachlan Shire and Hilltops LGAs aligned to the Blueprint for a Resilient South East NSW project*
2. *Delegated contract signing to the CEO CRJO for the project with the consent of the participating Councils*

Allan McGrath/Pam Kensit

CARRIED

7.2 Acknowledgment – Mr Peter Tegart

RESOLVED

The CRJO acknowledge the outstanding contribution to the work of the CRJO by outgoing GM of Queanbeyan Palerang City Council, Mr Peter Tegart, and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Russell Fitzpatrick/Viv May

CARRIED

8. Chair's Minute

Pursuant to Clause 9.6 of the Code of Meeting Practice the Chairperson without notice put to the meeting minutes on any matter or topic that is within the jurisdiction of the CRJO.

Nil recorded

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9. Confirmation of Minutes

Attachment:

9.1 CRJO Board Meeting Minutes – 29 October 2021

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board Meeting minutes from 29 October 2021 be accepted.

Russell Fitzpatrick/Viv May

CARRIED

10. Overview of the CRJO

Reporting Officers: Ms Kalina Koloff and Mr Warwick Bennett (Chair GMAG)

11. Presentations

11.1. South East and Tablelands Regional Plan and Transport Plan

Reporting Officers: Ms Claudia Jordan (NSW Dept Planning and Environment) and Mr Cameron Mckinnon (Transport for NSW)

11.2. NSW Office of Local Government and Regional NSW

Reporting Officers: Ms Ally Dench (OLG) and Mr Johnathon Wheaton (Regional NSW)

12. Our Intergovernmental Collaborators

12.1. Regional NSW

Reporting Officer: Ms Megan Cleary

12.2. ACT Government

Reporting Officer: Dr David Clapham

Attachment: Draft Canberra Region Economic Development Strategy

RESOLVED

The CRJO Board:

1. **Endorsed** the attached draft Canberra Region Economic Development Strategy (CREDS) as a framework for strategic regional collaboration, in line with the pillars and approach detailed below; and
2. **Delegated** to the General Managers Advisory Group (GMAG) any further work with the ACT and NSW Governments to finalise the CREDS document; and
3. **Noted** the CREDS publication date and any associated launch activities to be subsequently agreed between the CRJO Chair and the respective Offices of the ACT Chief Minister and NSW Deputy Premier.

Narelle Davis/Viv May

CARRIED

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12.3. Office of the Cross Border Commissioner

Reporting Officers: Ms Emma Watts

13. Current Programs and Projects at the CRJO

13.1. Resilience Projects

Reporting Officer: Ms Leanne Barnes

13.2. Council Regional Capacity Building Program (CRCB) 2019-2022

Reporting Officer: Mr Noel Schiller

13.3. Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Program

Reporting Officer: Mr Robbert Mels

13.4. Finance Report

Reporting Officer: Ms Jennifer Lang

Attachments:

- 13.4.1 Balance Sheet
- 13.4.2 Profit and Loss – CRJO Operations
- 13.4.3 Profit and Loss – CRJO Operations
- 13.4.4 Profit and Loss – Contaminated Lands
- 13.4.5 Profit and Loss – Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund – Blueprint
- 13.4.6 Profit and Loss – Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund – Contaminated Lands
- 13.4.7 Profit and Loss – Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund – Simtable
- 13.4.8 Profit and Loss – Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund
- 13.4.9 Profit and Loss – Climate Resilient Housing Toolkit
- 13.4.10 Profit and Loss – CRC Education
- 13.4.11 Profit and Loss – Regional Coordination Fund
- 13.4.12 Profit and Loss – Regional CSP

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board receive the CRJO Finance Report and note the financial position of the Organisation as at 31 January 2022.

Kenrick Winchester/Narelle Davis

CARRIED

14. Recruitment of CEO

Reporting Officer: Mr Warwick Bennett (Chair GMAG)

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

1. Receive the report from the Chair of GMAG on the Recruitment of Chief Executive (Executive Officer)
2. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer Recruitment Panel the authority to conduct interviews of the short list for the position of Chief Executive Officer and make a recommendation to the CRJO Board on the preferred candidate

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3. Approve the Chief Executive Officer Recruitment Panel be the Chair and Deputy Chair of the CRJO Board and the following two General Managers – Mr Peter Bascomb (Snowy Monaro Council) and Dr Catherine Dale (Eurobodalla Shire Council) with Mr Anthony McMahon (Bega valley Shire) available as an alternate
4. Agree to offer the new Chief Executive Officer a five-year contract in terms of the standard Local Government General Manager contract provision.
5. Appoint Mr Leanne Barnes as Acting Chief Executive Officer of Canberra Region Joint Organisation at the same remuneration package as the current Chief Executive Officer
6. Resolve a vote of thank Ms Kalina Koloff for her service to the Canberra Region Joint Organisation

Narelle Davis/Allan McGrath

CARRIED

Russell Fitzpatrick abstained from the vote

15. Confirmation of Next Meeting

The adopted meeting schedule for the CRJO Board and GMAG is.

Meeting	Date
GMAG	11 th February
CRJO Board	25 th February
GMAG	8 th April
GMAG	3 rd June
CRJO Board	17 th June
GMAG (EOFY)	8 th July
GMAG	16 th September
CRJO Board (Annual Financial Statements)	30 th September
GMAG	18 th November
CRJO Board	9 th December

The CRJO Board agreed that the meetings should be held in alternate locations across the Region with one meeting per year to also be held in Sydney to coincide with Ministerial meetings.

16. Close

Thanks and acknowledge for the work of the previous CRJO Board and again welcome and congratulate the new CRJO Board.

The Chairperson closed the meeting.