



# **MINUTES**

**FWJO Board Meeting  
Thursday, 19 March 2020**

**MINUTES OF FAR WEST JOINT ORGANISATION  
FWJO BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCILLORS ROOMS, BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL, 240 BLENDE STREET, BROKEN  
HILL  
ON THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2020 AT 10:00AM (AEST)**

**1 OPENING**

The meeting opened at 10:05am

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY****3 PRESENT**

Cr Darriea Turley	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Tim Elstone	Wentworth Shire Council (By Phone)
Mr Mike Colreavy	Balranald Shire Council (By Video)
Cr Christine Adams	Broken Hill City Council
Mr Mark Forbes	CEO FWJO

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Michael Kitzelmann	Balranald Shire Council (By Video)
Mr James Roncon	Broken Hill City Council
Mr Greg Hill	Central Darling Shire Council
Ms Anne Andrews	Broken Hill City Council

**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cr Melisa Hederics (Wentworth Shire Council), Mr Bob Stewart (Central Darling Shire Council), Mr Ken Ross (Wentworth Shire Council); Mr Ashley Albury (Department of Premier and Cabinet); Mr Peter Evans (Office of Local Government)

**RESOLUTION**

That the Board notes the apologies received from Cr Melisa Hederics (Wentworth Shire Council), Mr Ken Ross (Wentworth Shire Council); Mr Ashley Albury (Department of Premier and Cabinet); Mr Peter Evans (Office of Local Government)

**Moved: Cr Tim Elstone**

**Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy**

**CARRIED**

**5 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Far West Joint Organisation Board Meeting held 24 January 2020 be

confirmed as circulated.

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**RESOLUTION 011/20**

That the Minutes of the Far West Joint Organisation Board Meeting held 24 January 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

**Moved: Cr Darriea Turley AM**

**Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy**

**CARRIED**

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**7 FINANCIAL REPORTS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Board will receive a Financial Report at each meeting. This report covers the period 1 July 2019 to 12 March 2020.

- Vehicle to be replaced as part of a Council vehicle replacement program. CEO to collaborate with GMs.
- Contract to be offered to Finance Officer for a period of six months with further review in August 2020

**RECOMMENDATION**

(a) That the FWJO Board receive and note the year to date Financial Report; and

(b) That the proposal for Finance Officer services be approved

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**RESOLUTION 012/20**

(a) That the FWJO Board receive and note the year to date Financial Report;

(b) That the existing Finance Officer be offered a six month contract to be reviewed in August 2020;

(c) That the CEO negotiate with FWJO General Managers to roll over CEO's vehicle as part of a council vehicle replacement program

**Moved: Mr Mike Colreavy**

**Seconded: Cr Tim Elstone**

**CARRIED**

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**8 BOARD REPORTS****8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Chief Executive Officer's report details information pertaining to meetings attended and general information which are of public interest, and which have not been reported elsewhere in this agenda. Items of note in this report are:

1. Outstanding Action Items Update
2. Tourism Projects – Request for Extension of Time Update
3. Canberra Meeting Update
4. Joint Chairs' Meeting Outcomes
5. FWJO Coronavirus Impacts

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board notes the information contained within the report from the Chief Executive Officer

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**RESOLUTION 013/20**

That the Board notes the information contained within the report from the Chief Executive Officer

**Moved: Cr Tim Elstone**

**Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy**

**CARRIED**

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**8.2 CAPACITY BUILDING FUND****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On 18 March 2020 the FWJO and FNWJO met to consider a collaborative tourism initiative that has been proposed by Destination NSW, OLG and DPC (DPIE).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the FWJO and FNWJO Boards determine how to proceed with the collaborative partnership project as presented.

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**RESOLUTION 014/20**

That the FWJO and FNWJO Boards determine how to proceed with the collaborative partnership project as presented

**Moved: Mr Mike Colreavy**

**Seconded: Cr Tim Elstone**

**CARRIED**

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### 8.3 WATER SECURITY

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The challenge of Water Security in Far West NSW is complex, seems to change by the day and has many moving parts and interdependencies which cross borders, challenges and fields such as agriculture and investment, community/social and political dynamics.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the FWJO Board consider and discuss how best the FWJO can support the ongoing security of water in the Lower Darling River and ensure the benefits flow through for critical human need and farming requirements and advise accordingly.

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#### RESOLUTION 015/20

That the FWJO Board consider and discuss how best the FWJO can support the ongoing security of water in the Lower Darling River and ensure the benefits flow through for critical human need and farming requirements and advise accordingly.

**Moved:** Cr Tim Elstone

**Seconded:** Mr Mike Colreavy

**CARRIED**

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### 8.4 COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Communications and Engagement Plan has been drafted and is provided for review.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Board recommend that the Communications and Engagement Plan be adopted.

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#### RESOLUTION 016/20

That the Board recommend that the Communications and Engagement Plan be adopted.

**Moved:** Mr Mike Colreavy

**Seconded:** Cr Tim Elstone

**CARRIED**

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**8.5 FWJO REGIONAL WASTE STRATEGY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Across Australia, councils are striving to deliver safe, affordable waste services whilst dealing with the challenge of growing populations, increasing waste generation per household, and evolving recycling and EPA expectations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board support the request for proposal and quote from NSW Public Works to deliver phases 1 and 2 as outlined in the report

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**RESOLUTION 017/20**

That the Board support the request for proposal and quote from NSW Public Works to deliver phases 1 and 2 as outlined in the report

**Moved:** Cr Tim Elstone

**Seconded:** Mr Mike Colreavy

**CARRIED**

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**8.6 SUSTAINABILITY OF JOINT ORGANISATIONS DRAFT MOTION****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At its meeting on 24 January 2020, the Board agreed that a motion be drafted for continued funding for the FWJO by the State Government to ensure the sustainability of the Joint Organisations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board approve the draft motion and authorise its submission to the ALGA and LGA Conferences

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**RESOLUTION 018/20**

(a) That the Board defer the endorsement of the draft Motion; and

(b) That the Board review the draft Motion for future endorsement by Flying Minute.

**Moved:** Mr Mike Colreavy

**Seconded:** Cr Tim Elstone

**CARRIED**

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**8.7 REGIONAL (FAR WEST) RISING****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Chief Executive Officer attended a meeting with representatives from Regional Rising on 11 March 2020. The organisation would like an opportunity to make presentation to the Board.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board direct the Chief Executive Office to make arrangements with representatives from Regional Rising to meet with Board members at a future time to make presentation concerning their product and services and proposals for collaboration.

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**RESOLUTION 019/20**

That the Board direct the Chief Executive Office to make arrangements with representatives from Regional Rising to meet with Board members at a future time to make presentation concerning their product and services and proposals for collaboration.

**Moved: Mr Mike Colreavy**

**Seconded: Cr Tim Elstone**

**CARRIED**

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**8.8 FAR WEST NSW EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARDS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A sponsorship invitation has been received for the 2020 Far West NSW Excellence in Business Awards. The Far West NSW Excellence in Business Awards is open to all eligible businesses and organisations in the Far West region including Broken Hill, Central Darling Shire and the Unincorporated Areas of the Far West NSW region.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board agree to provide sponsorship of the Far West NSW Excellence in Business Awards, at the identified level

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**RESOLUTION 020/20**

That the Board agree to that the FWJO provide sponsorship of the Far West NSW Excellence in Business Awards at Zinc Level sponsorship.

**Moved: Mr Mike Colreavy**

**Seconded: Cr Tim Elstone**

**CARRIED**

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**9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil

**10 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil

**11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****RECOMMENDATION**

That Board considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

**11.1 Regional Transport Strategy RFQ**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c, d(i), d(ii) and d(iii) of the Local Government Act, and the Board is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret.

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**MOVED INTO CLOSED SESSION**

That the Board adjourns into a closed session and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session be with-held unless declassified by separate resolution.

**Moved: Cr Tim Elstone**

**Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy**

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The Board adjourned into closed session at 11:00am

The Board resumed into open session at 11:05am

**12 OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

**13 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for 18 June 2020 in Canberra, unless cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, in which case the next Board meeting will be held on 28 August 2020 at Balranald Shire Council.



**14 MEETING CLOSE**

**The Meeting closed at 11:10am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at FWJO Board held on .**

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**CHAIRPERSON**