



MINUTES

**FWJO Board Meeting
Friday, 28 August 2020**

**MINUTES OF FAR WEST JOINT ORGANISATION
FWJO BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
ON FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 2020 AT 3:30 PM**

1 OPENING

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 PRESENT

Cr Darriea Turley AM (Broken Hill City Council), Mr Bob Stewart (Central Darling Shire Council), Cr Melisa Hederics (Wentworth Shire Council), Cr Tim Elstone (Wentworth Shire Council), Mr Mark Forbes (FWJO CEO), Mr Mike Colreavy (Balranald Shire Council), Cr Christine Adams (Broken Hill City Council), Mr Ashley Albury (Department of Premier and Cabinet)

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Kozlowski (Mr), James Roncon (Mr), Greg Hill (Mr), Ken Ross (Mr), Anne Andrews (Ms), Peter Evans (Mr), Karen Purser (Ms), Kris Kershaw (Mr)

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary FWJO board meeting held 1 July 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

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7 FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 FINANCIAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the period 1 July 2020 to 18 August 2020 as prepared by Kris Kershaw, Finance Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive and note the year to date Financial Report for the period 1 July 2020 to 18 August 2020.

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7.2 DRAFT 2019/2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Draft 2019/20 Financial Statements have been prepared for the Far West Joint Organisation, in line with applicable Accounting Standards and the Joint Organisations Supplement to Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Update 28). The attached detail has been provided by Kris Kershaw, Finance Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

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8 BOARD REPORTS

8.1 NOTICE OF ELECTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 26 July 2018, Councillor Melisa Hederics and Councillor Leigh Byron were elected to the position of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, respectively. The Deputy Chairperson position was vacated on 27 January and the position has not been filled.

In accordance with the OLG Joint Organisation Implementation Guide May 2018, the election of chairpersons of joint organisation should be held at the first meeting of the board after the term of the chairperson expires, namely 28 August 2020 and the Board must again elect a Chairperson and a Deputy Chairperson for a period of two years.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board determines that due to the meeting being held via video conferencing the election process will be by open voting.

That any nominations be provided in writing using the nomination form to the returning officer, ahead of or at the Far West Joint Organisation meeting of 28 August 2020.

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8.2 MENINDEE LAKES WATER SAVINGS PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The position of three member Councils regarding the Menindee Lakes Water Savings project has been established at recent meetings of the effected Councils. The main consensus is that the options put forward for the Menindee Lakes Water Savings Project are not acceptable and have been rejected. The position of the Councils is attached, and those documents form the basis of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board write to Minister Melinda Pavey and Minister Marshall rejecting all options for the Menindee Lakes Water Saving Project and further supporting the position of the Menindee Lakes Stakeholder Advisory Group.

8.3 BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL REQUEST TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A formal request has been received from the Balranald Shire Council that in the absence of the Executive Officer to Chair the Far West Joint Organisation Engineering and Transport Committee that Balranald Shire Council is willing to assume interim responsibility for the running of this committee to ensure momentum is maintained.

RECOMMENDATION

That Balranald Shire Council assume interim responsibility for the running of the Far West Joint Organisation Engineering and Transport Committee.

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8.4 BALRANALD VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Balranald Shire Council have requested a further extension time to the 30 November 2020 for the formal confirmation of the Council's preferred priority tourism project. The extension of time will allow the Council to refer the project to its incoming Growing Business, Industry and Tourism Advisory Committee for assessment.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board endorse a further extension time to the 30 November 2020 for the formal confirmation of the Council's preferred priority tourism project.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

12 OTHER BUSINESS

13 NEXT MEETING

14 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at [enter time](#).

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at FWJO Board held on 30 October 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON