



Committee Minutes

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Wednesday
14 December 2016

ITEM NO: 3.1
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: STATUTORY AND SECTION 355 COMMITTEES - MINUTES
OF MEETINGS THAT REQUIRE COUNCILS ENDORSEMENT

Submitted to Council's Ordinary Meeting held on: 14 December 2016

Minutes from Committee Meetings:

3.1-1	Koala Regeneration Centre Supervisory - AGM	25 August 2016
3.1-2	Koala Regeneration Centre Supervisory – GENERAL	25 August 2016
3.1-3	Lake Talbot Environs Advisory	2 November 2016
3.1-4	RAMROC Mayors and General Managers – AGM & General	2 November 2016

ITEM NO: 3.1-1
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – NARRANDERA KOALA REGENERATION CENTRE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MEETING DATE: 25 August 2016
MEETING VENUE: Library

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 14 December 2016

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Koala Regeneration Centre Supervisory Committee Annual General Meeting of 25 August 2016.

Committee Members:

Cr Clarke, Cr Eipper, Ken Murphy, Lindsay Hayes, Roy Wade, John Sullivan, Geoff Sullivan, Kimberly Beattie, Betty Bradney, Heidi Logermann, Therese Hollis, Barbara Bartholomew, Lorna Quilter, Bob Manning, Lee Reavley, Ranger Laura Douglas, Tammy Galvin

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The Chairperson opened the meeting at **6pm** and thanked committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Representing Council	Cr Clarke
Representing Committee	Ken Murphy (Chair)
Representing Committee	Roy Wade
Representing Committee	John Sullivan
Representing Committee	Betty Bradney
Representing Committee	Kimberley Beattie
Representing Committee	Heidi Logermann
Representing Committee	Lindsay Hayes
Representing Committee	Lorna Quilter
Representing Council	Roger Evans (Manager Open Space & Recreation)

Item 2 - APOLOGIES

Barbara Bartholomew, Ranger Laura Douglas, Jennifer O'Brien, Theresa Hollis, Geoff Sullivan, Lee Reavley

Moved: Lorna Quilter

Seconded: Betty Bradney

CARRIED

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

ITEM NO: 3.1-2
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Moved: Lorna Quilter

Seconded: Betty Bradney

CARRIED

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST Nil

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 20 August 2015:

Moved: Lorna Quilter

Seconded: Roy Wade

CARRIED

Item 5 - MATTER ARISING

Nil

1. 2016 Koala Count
General discussion was held on the 2016 Koala Count. Agreed to maintain current format and to relist for discussion at the first meeting in 2017.
2. Report from National Parks and Wildlife Ranger - Laura Douglas
No report due to apology
3. Report of Meeting with Deborah Tabart, CEO Australia Foundation – 15 June 2016
A copy of the report of the meeting was discussed. It was agreed to await a formal response from Deborah Tabart in regard to proposal for financial assistance to consolidate strategic tree corridors for koala habitat.

Item 6 - CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards-

1. Letters of resignation from Ms Barbara Bartholomew and Ms Theresa Hollis

MOVED:

That the Committee accept the resignations.

Moved: Lorna Quilter

Seconded: Cr Clarke

CARRIED

2. Letter of thanks for gift of koala calendars from Jarlath Reidy, Ireland.
3. Tasco Development Gillenbah

The meeting noted a response from Narrandera Shire Council regarding Tasco development and request to realign the fence along the river to allow for movement of koala population.

MOVED:

That the committee make a joint approach with Narrandera Landcare to Council regarding the Tasco fencing issue seeking a voluntary realignment of a section of the fence along the river.

Moved: Heidi Logermann

Seconded: Betty Bradney

CARRIED

Item 7 - GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Proposed Relocation of Koala Sculpture

MOVED:

That the Committee recommend to Council that the Koala Sculpture be relocated and placed with flag poles proposed at the Gillenbah Island in conjunction with beautification project.

Moved: Cr Clarke

Seconded: Kimberley Beattie

CARRIED

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

MEETING CLOSED: 6:40pm

Approved by Chairperson: *Mr Ken Murphy*

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Koala Regeneration Centre Supervisory Committee General Meeting of 25 August 2016.

ITEM NO: 3.1-3
REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES - LAKE TALBOT ENVIRONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 2 November 2016
MEETING VENUE: Lake Talbot

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 14 December 2016

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Lake Talbot and Environs Committee Meeting of 2 November 2016 and adopt the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION C1

That the Committee write to the people who provided resources for the lake working bee and thank them as suggested in Darren Knagge's email.

Committee Members:

Cr Payne, Cr Lewis, Rex Evans, Ken Murphy, Peter Beal, Vince Mercuri, Jeff Kirk, Alistair Hayward, Darren Knagge, Roger Evans, Julian Geddes

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Item 1 - PRESENT

Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Payne
Representing Committee	Rex Evans (Chairperson)
Representing Committee	Ken Murphy
Representing Committee	Peter Beal
Representing Committee	Alistair Hayward
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Julian Geddes, Deputy General Manager Infrastructure (DGMI)
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Roger Evans, Manager Open Space & Recreation (OSR)

Observers Nil

Item 2 - APOLOGIES Darren Knagge

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 5 October 2016

Moved: Ken Murphy **Seconded:** Cr Payne **CARRIED**

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Lake Talbot Hydrological Study
Manager OSR reported that Council was still responding by email with the Consultants and will be organising a meeting to discuss issues shortly. During discussion it was suggested that some locally qualified person provide a briefing to the consultants on their visit to Narrandera particularly in regard to water flows between the lake and the main canal prior to the major works involving reinstatement of the northern canal embankment in 2007. It was agreed that Noel Crichton, the former Shire Engineer could provide valuable and relevant evidence on this issue. The DGMI and Manager OSR agreed to contact Mr Crichton.

2. Existing Walking Track – Inspection and rejuvenation
Committee agreed to list this item for as a future action.

3. Control of Willow Infestation
Manager OSR reported that he is arranging for a meeting with MI representatives to discuss an action plan.

4. Council Signage Planning – Lake Talbot
DGMI advised that the branding strategy was still progressing and this item will be furthered considered once it has been completed.

5. Working Bee to replace damaged fabric bags
The Committee noted the excellent work which has been achieved with the recent working bee at the lake in replacing damaged geo-fabric bags. Cr Payne also advised of her inspection and concern over the deteriorating concrete wall structure along the access road to the lake.

6. Weed Harvesting
The Committee noted that arrangements were in hand for weed harvesting to be undertaken in early December.

7. January Meeting
The Committee agreed that it would not be practical to hold a meeting in January so no meeting will be held.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Cr Payne meeting with lessee of Lake Talbot Caravan Park
Cr Payne reported that she had met with the new lessee of the Lake Talbot Caravan Park and advised them of the Committee's role and their future input would be appreciated. A number of constructive comments had been offered.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email from Darren Knagge

Email from Darren Knagge regarding working bee at the lake. It was proposed that the Committee send out an appreciation letter to Terry Butler from Area Pre-Mix Leeton for once again donating his time, truck and supply of pit sand for the bag replacement working bee at the lake. He also suggested a letter be written to John and Linda Ashcroft thanking them for supplying their bobcat and excavator on short notice.

RECOMMENDATION C1

That the Committee write to the people who provided resources for the lake working bee and thank them as suggested in Darren Knagge's email.

Moved: Cr Payne

Seconded: Julian Geddes

CARRIED

ATTACHMENTS Nil

NEXT MEETING 7 December 2016 – 6pm – Lake Talbot

MEETING CLOSED

6.37pm - Cr Lewis arrived and was given a briefing on matters discussed.

Approved by Chairperson

O.R. Evans.

JG/kp – CM/16-12 & 10/35/104-02

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Lake Talbot and Environs Committee Meeting of 2 November 2016.

RECOMMENDATION C1

That the Committee write to the people who provided resources for the lake working bee and thank them as suggested in Darren Knagge's email.

ITEM NO: 3.1-4
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – RIVERINA AND MURRAY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (RAMROC) – MAYORS AND GENERAL MANAGERS GROUP – AGM and GENERAL MEETINGS
MEETING DATE: 2 November 2016
MEETING VENUE: Jerilderie Shire Council

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 14 December 2016

RECOMMENDED

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the RAMROC Mayors and General Manager Annual General and General meetings held on 2 November 2016.

Committee Members:

Mayors and General Managers from the RAMROC Organisation of Councils, being - Albury City, Balranald, Berrigan, Carrathool, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume Shire, Griffith City, Hay, Leeton, Murray River, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera and Wentworth Councils

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council information on progress of matters being addressed by Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC) and to receive and note the Minutes of the RAMROC Mayors and General Managers Group Annual General (AGM) and General Meetings.

BACKGROUND

The RAMROC Mayors and General Managers Group consists of adjoining councils in the Riverina and Murray areas and meets quarterly at Jerilderie Shire Council for the General meetings with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) being held annually in November.

The AGM and General meetings were held on 2 November 2016, with Narrandera Shire Council being represented by the Mayor; Cr Neville Kschenka and Chief Executive Officer; Judy Charlton.

Special guests attending the Annual and General Meetings on this occasion:

- Ms Jenifer Weller Chair Murray RDA
- Ms Trudi McDonald Regional Co-ordinator NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Wendy Greiner Chair Murray Region Tourism
- Mr Mark Francis Executive Officer Murray Region Tourism
- Mr Greg Lawrence Chair Riverina Regional Tourism

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

Mayors and GM's Wednesdays - 8 February, 10 May, 9 August, 8 November (AGM)
GM's Fridays - February, April, July, October

RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER STRATEGIES / MASTERPLANS / STUDIES

This report aligns with the Narrandera Shire Community Strategic Plan:-

<u>Key Direction</u>	5.2	A strong relationship between government and community
<u>Objective</u>	5.2.2	A strong local and regional presence
<u>Action</u>	1	Take a leadership role in matters of regional significance

OPTIONS AND PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Council receive and note the contents of the RAMROC General Manager and Mayors AGM and General meetings held at Jerilderie Shire Council on 2 November 2016.

ATTACHMENTS:

Minutes of the RAMROC Mayors and General Managers meetings held 2 November 2016:

1. Annual General Meeting
2. General Meeting

NEXT MEETING

Mayors and GM's Wednesday 8 February 10am, Jerilderie
GM's Friday tbc February, 10am, Jerilderie

JC/VKM – CM/16-12

RECOMMENDED

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the RAMROC Mayors and General Manager Annual General and General meetings held on 2 November 2016.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RIVERINA AND MURRAY
REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (RAMROC), HELD IN THE IAN GILBERT
ROOM AT THE JERILDERIE OFFICES OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL ON
WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2016**

PRESENT

Albury City:	Cr Kevin Mack Mr Frank Zaknich
Balranald:	Apology
Berrigan:	Cr Matthew Hannan Mr Rowan Perkins
Carrathool:	Mr Phil Marshall
Edward River:	Apology
Federation:	Mr Mike Eden – Administrator
Greater Hume Shire:	Cr Heather Wilton Mr David Smith
Griffith City:	Cr John Dal Broi Mr Brett Stonestreet
Hay:	Cr Bill Sheaffe Mr Allen Dwyer
Murray River:	Ms Margot Stork Mr Glen Paterson
Murrumbidgee:	Mr Austin Evans - Administrator Mrs Ruth McRae Mr Craig Moffitt
Leeton:	Ms Jackie Kruger
Narrandera:	Cr Neville Kschenka Ms Judy Charlton
Wentworth:	Apology
RAMROC:	Mr Ray Stubbs Executive Officer
Guests:	Ms Jennifer Weller - Chair Murray RDA Ms Trudi McDonald Regional Coordinator NSW Department Premier and Cabinet Ms Wendy Greiner - Chair Murray Region Tourism Mr Mark Francis – Executive Officer Murray Region Tourism Mr Greg Lawrence – Chair Riverina Tourism

WELCOME

The Chairperson Cr Kevin Mack extended a warm welcome to newly elected Mayors Cr Neville Kschenka (Narrandera Shire) and Cr Matthew Hannan (Berrigan Shire)

The Chairperson also welcomed Glen Paterson (Murray River Council), Ms Jennifer Weller Chair of RDA Murray and Trudi McDonald Regional Co-ordinator of NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet (Wagga Office)

1. APOLOGIES

Cr Susan Nichols and Peter Kozlowski (Wentworth Shire), Administrator David Shaw (Murray River Council), Cr Leigh Byron and Aaron Drenovski (Balranald Shire), Administrator Ashley Hall and Des Bilske (Edward River Council), Cr Paul Maytom (Leeton Shire), Cr Peter Laird (Carrathool Shire), Cr Mick Rutledge (Hay Shire), Mr Chris Gillard (Federation Council), Mr Steven Pinnuck (Greater Hume Shire), Mr James McTavish (NSW Cross Border Commissioner), Ms Diana Gibbs (Chair Riverina RDA) and Mr Gary Saliba (Executive Officer Murray RDA)

**RESOLVED that the apologies be received and noted
(Moved Greater Hume and seconded Griffith)**

2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT JERILDERIE ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2015

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held at Jerilderie on Friday 13th November 2015 be confirmed
(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Federation)**

3. RAMROC ANNUAL REPORT FOR PERIOD 1ST OCTOBER 2015 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

**RESOLVED that the Annual Report of RAMROC activities for the year ended 30th September 2016 be adopted
(Moved Hay and seconded Griffith)**

4. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

**RESOLVED that the Annual Financial Statements and the accompanying Auditor's Report for the 2015-2016 Financial Year be received and noted.
(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Federation)**

5. REMUNERATION FOR CHAIRPERSON POSITION

**RESOLVED that a provision of \$5,000 per annum be approved, payable on a monthly basis to the RAMROC Chairperson
(Moved Greater Hume and seconded Conargo)**

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2016-2017 (Executive Officer acted as the Returning Officer)

1. POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON

The Returning Officer invited nominations for the position of Chairperson for the ensuing term.

One nomination was received, that being for Cr Kevin Mack Mayor of Albury City.

The Returning Officer declared Cr Kevin Mack elected unopposed.

2. POSITION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Returning Officer invited nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson for the ensuing term.

One nomination was received, that being for Mr Austin Evans Administrator of Murrumbidgee Council.

The Returning Officer declared Mr Austin Evans elected unopposed.

3. POSITION OF HONORARY SECRETARY TREASURER

The Returning Officer invited nominations for the position of Honorary Secretary/Treasurer for the ensuing term.

One nomination was received, that being for Ms Margot Stork, General Manager of Murray River Council

The Returning Officer declared Ms Margot Stork elected unopposed.

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2016-2017

Consideration was given to a report by the Executive Officer in relation to the appointment of Auditors for the 2016-2017 financial year

RESOLVED that the Stubberfield Group (Accounting and Taxation), 25-31 Nish Street, Echuca Victoria be appointed as RAMROC's Auditors for the 2016-2017 financial year (Moved Greater Hume and seconded Federation)

8. TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

The meeting considered a report by the Executive Officer in relation to the setting of RAMROC meeting dates for 2017, subject to change as may become necessary

RESOLVED that the tentative meeting schedule for 2017 be as follows:-

- **Wednesday 8th February 2017**
- **Wednesday 10th May 2017**
- **Wednesday 9th August 2017**
- **Wednesday 8th November 2017 – Annual General Meeting**

(Moved Greater Hume and seconded Griffith)

There being no further business, the Annual General Meeting concluded at 10.15 am

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE RIVERINA AND MURRAY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (RAMROC), HELD IN THE IAN GILBERT ROOM AT THE JERILDERIE OFFICES OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL, ON WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2016 AT 10.15 AM

PRESENT

Albury City:	Cr Kevin Mack (RAMROC Chairperson) Mr Frank Zaknich
Balranald:	Apology
Berrigan:	Cr Matthew Hannan Mr Rowan Perkins
Carrathool:	Mr Phil Marshall
Edward River:	Apology
Federation:	Mr Mike Eden (Administrator)
Greater Hume:	Cr Heather Wilton Mr David Smith
Griffith City:	Cr John Dal Broi Mr Brett Stonestreet
Hay:	Cr Bill Sheaffe Mr Allen Dwyer
Leeton:	Ms Jackie Kruger
Murray River:	Ms Margot Stork Mr Glen Paterson
Murrumbidgee:	Mr Austin Evans (Administrator) Mrs Ruth McRae (Chair Local Representation Committee) Mr Craig Moffitt
Narrandera:	Cr Neville Kschenka Ms Judy Charlton
Wentworth:	Apology
RAMROC	Mr Ray Stubbs (Executive Officer)

MEETING GUESTS:

Ms Jennifer Weller – Chair Murray RDA
Ms Trudi McDonald –Regional Co-ordinator
NSW Premier and Cabinet
Ms Wendy Greiner – Chair Murray Region
Tourism
Mr Mark Francis – Executive Officer Murray
Region Tourism
Mr Greg Lawrence - Chair Riverina Tourism

MRRR 1 - WELCOME

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MRRR 2 - APOLOGIES

Cr Susan Nichols and Peter Kozlowski (Wentworth Shire), Administrator David Shaw (Murray River Council), Cr Leigh Byron and Aaron Drenovski (Balranald Shire), Administrator Ashley Hall and Des Bilske (Edward River Council), Cr Paul Maytom (Leeton Shire), Cr Peter Laird (Carrathool Shire), Cr Mick Rutledge (Hay Shire), Mr Chris Gillard (Federation Council), Mr Steven Pinnuck (Greater Hume Shire), Mr James McTavish (NSW Cross Border Commissioner), Ms Diana Gibbs (Chair Riverina RDA) and Mr Gary Saliba (Executive Officer Murray RDA)

**RESOLVED that the apologies be received and noted
(Moved Greater Hume and seconded Berrigan)**

MRRR 3 - MINUTES OF RAMROC MEETING HELD AT JERILDERIE ON 22ND JULY 2016

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the RAMROC General Meeting held on 22nd July 2016 be confirmed.
(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Federation)**

MRRR 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 22ND JULY 2016 MEETING

Apart from the matters reported by the Executive Officer in the November meeting agenda papers, there were no other matters arising from the Minutes of the 22nd July 2016 meeting.

MRRR 5 – FIT FOR THE FUTURE – OLG CONSULTATION PAPER ON JOINT ORGANISATIONS “GETTING THE BOUNDARIES RIGHT”

Consideration was given to the Executive Officer’s Report and to the recommendation of the General Managers’ Group Meeting held on 21st October 2016, that in view of the diversity of Councils’ views regarding the OLG’s proposed joint Organisation Boundaries, that it be left to the individual Councils to advise OLG of their respective policy positions, and that RAMROC not provide a regional response.

**RESOLVED that no submission be made by RAMROC in response to the OLG Consultation Paper on Joint Organisation Boundaries
(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Narrandera)**

MRRR 6 - RAMROC BUDGET AND COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP SCHEDULE FOR 2016-2017

The draft 2016-2017 RAMROC Budget and Schedule of Member Council Contributions was submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED that the 2016-2017 Budget and Member Councils Contribution Schedule be adopted and that Tax Invoices for the contributions payable by Member Councils for the whole of the 2016-2017 Financial Year term be now levied.
(Moved Greater Hume and seconded Murrumbidgee)**

MRRR 7 – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

7.1 – Transition to LED Street Lighting – Evaluation of Essential Energy Pricing proposals

The Street Lighting Consultative Committee (SLCC) represents NSW Regional and Rural Councils in relation to street lighting pricing issues and negotiations with Essential Energy on the new pricing structure for LED street lighting, which will be available for NSW Councils in the near future. Assistance in the evaluation of EE pricing proposals has previously been commissioned by three ROCs and RAMROC has been asked to consider making a financial contribution towards any additional consultancy work that may be required in finalising the tariffs applicable through to July 2019.

RESOLVED that if requested, RAMROC be prepared to contribute an amount of up to \$2,000 towards the evaluation of Essential Energy pricing proposals for LED street lighting charges (Moved Greater Hume and seconded Griffith)

7.2 – Murray Darling Basin Authority – Establishment of a Regional Presence

MDBA has announced that it has selected six partner organisations to host part-time Regional Engagement Officers across the Murray Darling Basin for a 12 months trial period, these positions being located at Wodonga, Shepparton, Leeton, Wentworth, Murray Bridge and St George.

RESOLVED that RAMROC write to the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, commending the MDBA's initiative on its 12 months pilot scheme of part time Regional Engagement Officers as a first step, but again advocating the importance of MDBA establishing a permanent and high level official presence within the Southern Basin, and that RAMROC continue to seek the strong support of the region's Federal Members for Farrer the Hon Sussan Ley MP and for Riverina the Hon Michael McCormack MP. (Moved Federation and seconded Greater Hume)

7.3 – 2017 Australian of the Year – NSW Finalists

The Executive Officer reported on RAMROC's nomination of Brendan Farrell to recognise his outstanding and ongoing co-ordination of the Burrumbuttock Hay Runs and advised that Brendan is one of four finalists in the NSW Australian of the Year Local Hero Category. He further advised that Wiradjuri Journalist, Author and News Correspondent Dr Stan Grant is a finalist in the NSW Australian of the Year Category and that Anika Molesworth a Yoogali farmer and agricultural innovator is a finalist in the NSW Young Australian of the Year Category.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that letters of congratulations be sent to Brendan Farrell, Stan Grant and Anika Molesworth, commending them on being selected as finalists in the NSW Australian of the Year Awards (Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Federation)

7.4 – NSW Emergency Services Property Levy (ESPL)

The Executive Officer reported that as from 1st July 2017, Councils will be required to levy and collect on behalf of the State Government an Emergency Services Property Levy (ESPL), which will replace the former contributions collected and paid by insurance companies through property insurance premiums. However, the Government has to date rejected proposals by LGNSW and Councils that the existing 11.7% Emergency Services Levy (ESL) payable by Councils be removed.

RESOLVED that the Executive Officer's report be noted and that RAMROC and Member Councils maintain representations advocating that the State Government agree to remove the 11.7% Emergency Services Levy payable by Local Government Councils. (Moved Greater Hume and seconded Murrumbidgee)

7.5 – RAMROC and Local Government Procurement

The Executive Officer submitted a status report on income earned through the formal Agreement with Local Government Procurement in relation to a range of goods and services available to Councils via LGP Contracts with suppliers. Since commencement of the Agreement in May 2015, rebate income of \$60,119 has been generated, which is proposed to be utilised for comprehensive training of Councils' officers associated with procurement governance, policies and procedures.

**RESOLVED that the Executive Officer's report be received and noted and that the RAMROC board endorse the principle of utilising LGP rebate income to advance highly effective procurement functions amongst the participating Councils, through improved governance, policies, procedures and training.
(Moved Greater Hume and seconded Federation)**

7.6 – RAMROC / REROC Contaminated Land Management (CLM) Project

Consideration was given to the bi-monthly status report by the Executive Officer and CLM Project Officer Jessica Conner in relation to the 3 year CLM Project, which is funded (\$150,000 per year) by the NSW Government through EPA across 26 Councils in the RAMROC and REROC regions and which project is scheduled for completion by August 2017.

**RESOLVED that the bi-monthly report of the RAMROC REROC Contaminated Land Project be received and noted and that RAMROC Councils continue to provide strong commitment and support to the program
(Moved Federation and seconded Berrigan)**

MRRR 8 – RAMROC 2016-2017 Financial Statements – for the period ended 30th September 2016

The quarterly Financial Statements in respect of the various RAMROC Accounts, for the period ended 30th September 2016, were submitted for information and consideration.

**RESOLVED that the quarterly financial statements for the RAMROC 2016-2017 Financial Accounts as at 30th September 2016 be adopted
(Moved Griffith and seconded Federation)**

MRRR 9 – WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the following RAMROC Working Group Meetings:-

- 9.1 - Murray Waste Management Group Meeting – held 3rd August 2016
- 9.2 - Planners Group Meeting – held 4th August 2016
- 9.3 - Riverina Waste Management Group Meeting – held 21st September 2016
- 9.4 - General Managers Group Meeting – held 21st October 2016

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the RAMROC Working Group meetings be received and noted
(Moved Greater Hume and seconded Griffith)**

MRRR 10 – DESTINATION NSW NETWORKS – DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MURRAY REGION TOURISM AND RIVERINA TOURISM

The Chair of Murray Region Tourism Ms Wendy Greiner and Chair of Riverina Tourism Mr Greg Lawrence addressed the meeting in relation to the current status of the six Destination NSW Networks and the future operations of both the Murray and Riverina Tourism Organisations. The presentations were followed by questions and general discussion, noting that some operational issues and future governance and funding arrangements are yet to be fully determined by Destination NSW.

MRRR 11 – GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

11.1 - Management of vegetation around Essential Energy powerlines

Brett Stonestreet (Griffith City) drew attention to recent correspondence from Essential Energy to Councils in relation to the management of vegetation around power lines. A Consultation Group is being established to develop a shared responsibility framework and principles and Essential Energy is inviting nominations from Councils or ROCs to participate in the Group. The EO will liaise with general managers and co-ordinate a response to Essential Energy.

11.2 - Murray RDA – Current Activities

The Chair of Murray RDA Jennifer Weller briefed the meeting on some current activities and projects being undertaken by the RDA, including a youth engagement project in conjunction with the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Prime Minister, as well as local tertiary institutions.

11.3 – Flooding and Emergency Services Co-ordination

Margot Stork (Murray River) advised of a general lack of strong co-ordination and collaboration between State, Regional and Local Emergency Services with Councils during the current flooding emergencies. The meeting agreed that the Executive Officer compile data of issues and examples from RAMROC General Managers, with a view to drawing them to the attention of State Emergency Services, with a suggestion to SES of a special de-briefing meeting between Councils and SES in late November or early December.

There being no further business, the RAMROC Meeting closed at 12.25 pm