



Committee Minutes

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15 March 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: 15 March 2016

Minutes from Committee Meetings:

3.1-1	Parkside Cottage Museum Committee - Various Dates 2015-2016	
3.1-2	Australia Day Planning Committee	8 February 2016
3.1-3	Narrandera Sportsground Advisory Committee	18 February 2016
3.1-4	Narrandera Sports Stadium Management Committee	29 February 2016
3.1-5	RAMROC - Mayors and General Managers – General Meeting	2 March 2016

ITEM NO: 3.1-1
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – PARKSIDE COTTAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE
MEETING DATES: 10 November, 14 December 2015, 6 February 2016
MEETING VENUE: Parkside Cottage Museum

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 15 March 2016

Committee Members:

Cr Lee, Graham Minchin, June Hulands, Roy Wade, Robert Sloan, Geoff Sullivan, Lyn Brown, George Patterson and Betty Bradney

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Minutes of the Narrandera Parkside Cottage Museum Committee meetings for 10 November, 14 December 2015 and 6 February 2016.

PROPOSAL:

It is proposed that Council receive and note the Minutes of meetings held 10 November, 14 December 2015 and 6 February 2016 as **attached** to this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes of meetings held 10 November, 14 December 2015 and 6 February 2016.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Narrandera Parkside Cottage Museum Committee meetings held 10 November, 14 December 2015 and 6 February 2016.

Approved by Chairperson: *Mr Graham Minchin*

Mr.GM/VKM – CM/16-3 & 60/20/8-97

NARRANDERA PARKSIDE COTTAGE MUSEUM INC. GENERAL MEETING
WAS HELD AT THE MUSEUM NOVEMBER 10TH 2015 AT 7.35PM.
PRESENT J Hulands G. Sullivan, L. Browne, G. Minchin, R. Wade, G. Patterson,
& R. Sloan



APOLOGIES: NIL

PRESIDENT: G. Minchin welcomed all those present to the meeting. He then asked every one to observe a minute's silence following the death of Joan Sawczyn. She had been an active committee member, for many years. Her knowledge and local history will be missed.

MINUTES: Minutes of the October 2015 meeting were read. Confirmed by G. Sullivan & R. Wade, carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Wade tabled his report:
TOTAL INCOME: \$317:--
TOTAL EXPENDITURE: NIL
BANK BALANCE: \$2142:28 as at 31/10/2015. telephone account to be paid 2nd. J. Hulands, carried. See Report.

CORRESPONDENCE: IN NIL
OUT: Sympathy to the Shady Family.
COUNCIL REP: NIL

CARETAKER'S REPORT: NIL

GENERAL BUSINESS: Our Flag will be at half-mast tomorrow and the museum will not open, out of respect for our late member Joan.

It was resolved to have our next meeting at 12md. on December 14th at the Murrumbidgee Hotel, to be followed by lunch. L. Browne, is to book a table for 10.

FAMILY HISTORY: NIL

No further business.

G. Minchin closed the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: 14/12/2015

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30pm.

NARRANDERA PARKSIDE COTTAGE MUSEUM INC. GENERAL MEETING
WAS HELD AT THE MURRUMBIDGEE HOTEL DECEMBER 14TH 2015 AT
12.10PM.

PRESENT J. Hulands, L. Browne, G. Minchin, R. Wade, R. Browne,
R. Sloan & a visitor V. Conell

APOLOGIES: G. Sullivan, G Patterson & J. Lee.

PRESIDENT: G. Minchin welcomed all those present to the meeting. It was good to V.
Connell.

MINUTES: Minutes of the November, 2015 meeting were read. Confirmed by J.
Huland & R. Sloan, carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Wade tabled his report:

TOTAL INCOME: \$50:--

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: \$54:--

BANK BALANCE: \$2045:28 as at 30/11/2015

2nd J. Hulands, carried. See Report.

A discussion took place in regards to the Gas Account as no gas has
been used. The meter reading is the same as the previous account. G.
Minchin is to look into the matter and what our options are in regards
to costs etc.

CORRESPONDENCE: IN R. Wade has received three application forms to be filled
in and sent to the Fire Arms Registrar should we hear from the
Narrandera Sub Branch of R.S.L. Club, as to the number of guns and
their details.

OUT: NIL

COUNCIL REP: NIL

CARETAKER'S REPORT A saddle has been left at the museum. It is up in the back
shed. A decision will take place in the new year as to what action will
be taken.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

FAMILY HISTORY: NIL

No further business.

G. Minchin, closed the meeting wishing every one a happy
Christmas and all the very best for 2016..

NEXT MEETING: 8/2/2016

MEETING CLOSED AT 12.35pm.

NARRANDERA PARKSIDE COTTAGE MUSEUM INC. GENERAL MEETING
WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 6TH 2016 AT 7,40PM.

PRESENT, L. Browne, G. Minchin, R. Wade, R. Sloan, G. Sullivan & G. Patterson.

APOLOGIES: J Hulands

PRESIDENT: G. Minchin welcomed all those present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the December 2015 meeting were read. Confirmed by
G. Minchin, 2nd R. Wade carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Wade tabled his report:

TOTAL INCOME: \$236:88

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: \$471:62

BANK BALANCE: \$1,809:86as at 8--2016

2nd G. Patterson, carried. See Report.

G. Minchin reported to the meeting that there was nothing we can do
about the fixed charges on our gas account even when we are not using
gas

CORRESPONDENCE: IN 3 family history letters for G. Sullivan
Gordon McMaster: Dart Gun
Promotion of Rouse Hill book
“ “ A Different Earth book by Max C S Beck
Museum Matters x2
other pamphlets of no interest

OUT: NIL

Secretary to contact Mr McMaster, stating we need more information on
the Dart Gun. It could be of interest to our collection.

COUNCIL REP: NIL

CARETAKER'S REPORT Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS: R. Wade, opened a parcel left with him which contained
framed embroidery as well as embroider silk ladies bodice
The Hook family makes trimming for dress. The Hook family
resided in Narrandera many years ago. R. Wade is to contact the
those who left it for more details. It has been suggested that we have
them framed.

L. Browne suggested that she contact the Narrandera Shire Council,
with a request that the have one of their staff meet with us. L. Browne
indicated the possibility of a replacement may be needed due her
health issues. J. Hulands, indicated her desire not to take over again. It
was resolved, N,S.C. Craig Taylor be contacted, with the information
needed to become a **355 committee** of N.S. C.

FAMILY HISTORY: Several letters have been received. Including photo's of the
Hayes Family some of the Narrandera Air Port & Pictorial
advertisement of Narrandera.

A book on the one hundred years history of Tubbo Station has been
donated.

Thirty pages of Chinese Information have been added to the collection.

No further business.

NEXT MEETING: 14/3/2016

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30pm.

ITEM 7. CIVIC CEREMONY

1. The Civic Ceremony ran smoothly. The Committee agreed that it was pleasing to see a large number of people in attendance.
2. The Committee discussed amending the current Thanksgiving Service. It was put to a vote with majority voting to keep it the same for the 2017 Australia Day.
3. It was suggested that for future Australia Days, a Committee member should take the award recipients over to the Argus photographer to ensure that they can get their photo taken.

*** At this point, time being 5.45pm, the committee representative from Grong Grong joined the meeting.*

ITEM 8. OTHER AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES

1. Barellan's Australia Day activities went smoothly and were very enjoyable.
2. Grong Grong's Australia Day celebrations went well with a good number in attendance for the Australia Day Luncheon.
3. The activities at Lake Talbot Swimming Complex once again proved popular. It was observed that majority of the crowd were visitors to Narrandera.

*** At this point, time being 5.55pm, committee representative, Stephen Targett left the meeting.*

ITEM 9. AMBASSADOR PROGRAM AND WELCOME DINNER

1. The Australia Day Ambassador, John Harper, was well received by the Narrandera Shire Community.
2. The Committee enjoyed the privacy of this year's Australia Day Ambassador Dinner and thoroughly enjoyed their meal.
3. The Committee agreed that it would be good to have an MC at the Australia Day Ambassador Welcome Dinner in future years.

ITEM 10. AUSTRALIA DAY BUDGET

1. The Committee discussed the expenses from this year's Australia Day budget and suggested that the budget be increased for Australia Day 2017.
2. The Committee is to approve all expenditure for Australia Day from the allocated budget.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Site plan
The site plan will need to be altered for the 2017 Australia Day Civic Ceremony to ensure that the orchestra and choir are not facing into the sun.
2. Australia Day Activities

- a. There was a multicultural gathering in the Marie Bashir Park after the Australia Day Civic Ceremony. The Committee were unaware of this event prior to Australia Day.
- b. Three locals have approached the Committee expressing interest in organising more activities in the Marie Bashir Park for Australia Day. The Committee will contact these locals later this year when the 2017 Australia Day planning commences to discuss with them holding activities.
- c. The Committee agreed to assist with the Charles Sturt Hotel with hosting the Yabby Races.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email received from John Harper Council's Events Officer read out an email received from the 2016 Narrandera Shire Australia Day Ambassador, John Harper, conveying his thanks to the Committee members.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

NEXT MEETING: To be confirmed

MEETING CLOSED: 6.10pm

Approved by Chairperson:



MS/ah – CM/16-2 & ED/1645

RECOMMENDED:

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Australia Day Planning Committee Meeting held 8 February 2016.

ITEM NO: 3.1-3
REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – SPORTSGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 18 February 2016
MEETING VENUE: Narrandera Sportsground

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 15 March 2016

Committee Members:

Cr Howard, Cr Eipper, Peter Royle, Gavin Sullivan, Bill Howitt, Graham Flynn, Ron Absolom, Noel Crichton, Shane Longmore, Lee Longford, Peter Eurell, Roger Evans

~~ This Item is submitted for Council's Information ~~

The Acting Chairperson opened the meeting at 5:30pm and thanked Committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT:

Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Cr Howard
Representing Committee	Gavin Sullivan (Acting Chair)
Representing Committee	Ron Absolom
Representing Committee	Graham Flynn
Representing Committee	Bill Howitt
Representing Committee	Lee Longford
Representing Committee	Noel Crichton
Representing Committee	Peter Eurell
Representing Committee	Shane Longmore
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Roger Evans Manager Open Space and Recreation

Observers: Nil

Item 2 - APOLOGIES: Cr Eipper, Peter Royle

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 10 DECEMBER 2015:

Moved: Cr Howard

Seconded: Noel Crichton

CARRIED

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1. Licence of Club House
The Licence application has been sent to the Minister for approval.

2. Grand Stand
The Manager Open Space and Recreation informed the Committee that the Grand Stand is currently getting painted.

3. Coaches Boxes Requirements
The Manager Open Space and Recreation informed the Committee that Council received one Tender submission for the Coaches Box Construction and a report had been submitted to Tuesday night's Council meeting. The tender submission was well over budget and Council resolved to reject the tender proposal and review the design of the building with the intention of building a lighter design for under \$200 000.

The committee discussed the resolution and the Council's commitment. The Manager Open Space and Recreation and Cr Howard explained that the project was \$200,000 maximum including funding contributions.

The committee nominated a sub committee to review the design. The members nominated are:

- Mr Gavin Sullivan
- Mr Graham Flynn
- Mr Noel Crichton
- Cr Howard
- Mr Roger Evans

Moved: Cr Howard

Seconded: Peter Eurell

CARRIED

The members will meet Thursday 25 February 2016 at 5pm.

The Manager Open Space and Recreation explained the time frame was tight and the reviewed design will need to go before Council. He also explained that the construction would need to be coordinated around football season, the finals and the sheep Dog Trials.

4. AFL Match Projects – Scoreboard
The score board is complete and has been commissioned with a number of members being inducted on how to operate the scoreboards. Mr Gavin Sullivan thanked the staff who were involved in the installation. Locks will be ordered for the circuit box and the entrance ladder.

5. Female Change rooms
The Open Space and Recreation Manager commented that the requirement of the Local Sport Grant Program had changed and Local Government were unable to apply. A representative at the Minister's office suggested that Council write to the Minister to see if there are any future funding opportunities. A cover letter has been drafted and will be sent once reviewed.

The Grant has been extended to 29 February 2016 and the committee suggested that the NIFC may be able to apply for the grant. The Open Space and Recreation Manager will send Mr Gavin Sullivan the details of the grant.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Knock out

The Open Space and Recreation Manager asked members of the committee if they have heard any more about the reconciliation Knockout proceeding. He commented that council have attempted to contact the organisers but they have not replied. Mr Gavin Sullivan commented that he had not heard anything since they last spoke three weeks ago.

2. Club House Roof

Mr Shane Longmore asked about the progress on the Club house roof donation from PCR. The Open Space and Recreation Manager commented that he had contacted Mr Piltz a number of months ago and explained that the roof would need to match the existing surrounds of the venue. He stated that the roof could proceed but they should contact Council before the start to ensure the venue is not booked.

3. Sports Person Hall of Fame

Mr Bill Howitt presented the Committee with an update of the Sports Person Hall of Fame and suggested that all the sporting clubs should be approached to form the Committee given the old board is overflowing and there are a number of potential new nominations for the board.

Mr Bill Howitt will send the organisations an Expression Of Interest to join the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

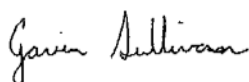
ATTACHMENTS:

1 From Mr Bill Howitt RE Sportspersons Hall Of Fame

NEXT MEETING: TBA 5.30pm Narrandera Sportsground

MEETING CLOSED: 6pm

Approved by Chairperson:



RECOMMENDED:

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Narrandera Sportsground Advisory Committee Meeting of 18 February 2016.

Attachment 1: From Mr Bill Howitt RE Sportspersons Hall Of Fame

Sportsperson Hall of Fame.

We have quite a few new sportspeople who have achieved enough to qualify for the Hall of Fame.

Names which come to mind are:

Zac Williams Football

Peter Durnam Parachuting

Dan Christian Cricket upgrade

Matt Flynn Football

I think it time we invited the Sporting Clubs to form a new Committee which would invite nominations for the next round of inclusions, vet them and add those worthy to the Honour Board.

Our original unveiling was a great event which packed the Ex-Services Club to overflowing and enjoyed the presence of some of the greats of Australian sport.

We may need a new Board.

ITEM NO: 3.1-4
REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – NARRANDERA STADIUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 29 February 2016
MEETING VENUE: Narrandera Sports Stadium

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 15 March 2016

Committee Members:

Cr Eipper, Martin Hiscox, Steve Buchanan, Gayle Murphy, Claire Bolton, Ros Hunt and Lee Longford

~~ This Item is submitted for Council's Information ~~

The Chairperson opened the meeting at **6:30 pm** and thanked committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT:

Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Cr Eipper
Representing Committee	Gayle Murphy(Chair)
Representing Committee	Martin Hiscox
Representing Committee	Steve Buchanan
Representing Council	Lee Longford (Stadium Manager (SM))
Representing Council	Roger Evans (MOSR) (Manager Open Space & Recreation)

Item 2 - APOLOGIES: Ros Hunt
(Secretary to follow up to ensure she has correct contact details for Ros)

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 25 August 2014:

Moved: Steve Buchanan **Seconded:** Martin Hiscox **CARRIED**

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING

1. Sportsground Advisory Committee
Summary of minutes:
 - New scoreboard installed
 - Consideration been given to coaching boxes
 - Grandstand restoration continuing
 - Committee looking for grant for female change rooms.

2. Signage – Renewal of signage in stadium completed

3. Budget Items

The MOSR is compiling a 10 year maintenance plan for the stadium. The Committee suggested the following items:

- Change room and toilet areas painting
- Floor coverings foyer and hall
- Pads on air-conditioning
- Concreting around outdoor courts to be completed
- Replacement of air-conditioning
- Replacement of lighting with more efficient forms

Lighting needs to be staged so Committee can apply for small grants – Ian Draper is putting together an Innovation Fund Grant as part of “Fit For The Future” which may assist in this process.

The MOSR reviewing admission charges this week – Committee suggested 2.5% increase in line with normal growth.

4. Large Netball and Basketball Court for Indoor Court

The SM stated that the cost of installing large netball court on the indoor court would be \$200 for tape and \$140 to install netball pole (one already in court). The Committee agreed to have a court installed when the need arises.

5. Grants

Narrandera Basketball Association was successful in receiving three grants from the Southern Phone Annual Grants. They received \$3,800 for junior team uniforms, \$5,800 for outdoor seating and \$4,150 towards renewal of basketball backboards on court 1. The SM thanked all for putting together the grant applications. The Netball Association needs to be part of the process for installing outdoor seating to ensure it meets their plan for shelters.

Committee to look for relevant grants to meet stadium needs such as Sport and Recreation Local Sporting Communities Grant.

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming – Application for Financial Assistance from Narrandera Shire

Outward – Correspondence to Michelle Burden in relation to her correspondence on large netball court for indoor court.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Replacement of Basketball backboards on Court 1. Need to get structural drawings to enable the full funding of the project to be known. Volunteers (rigers) may be needed to enable the project to come out on budget.
2. The possibility of a hydrotherapy pool in Narrandera was discussed.

NEXT MEETING: August 2016

MEETING CLOSED: 7:05 pm

RL/VKM - CM/16-3 & 10/35/67-88

RECOMMENDED:

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Narrandera Stadium Management Committee meeting of 29 February 2016.

10/5/ITEM NO: 3.1-5
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – RIVERINA AND MURRAY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (RAMROC) – MAYORS AND GENERAL MANAGERS GROUP
MEETING DATE: 2 March 2016
MEETING VENUE: Jerilderie Shire Council

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 15 March 2016

Committee Members:

Mayors and General Managers from the RAMROC Organisation of Councils, being - Albury, Balranald, Berrigan, Carrathool, Conargo, Corowa, Deniliquin, Greater Hume, Griffith, Hay, Jerilderie, Leeton, Murray, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Urana, Wakool, and Wentworth Councils.

~~ This Item is submitted for Council's Information ~~

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 Mayor's and General Manager's Group General Meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The RAMROC Mayor's and General Manager's 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 General meeting was held on 2 March 2016, with Narrandera Shire Council being represented on this occasion by the Mayor; Cr Jenny Clarke and the Chief Executive Officer; Judy Charlton.

Special guests attending the General Meeting on this occasion:

- Ms Shelley Scoullar Chair West Berriquin Irrigators Inc and Speak UP Campaign
- Ms Vicki Meyer West Berriquin Irrigators Inc and Chair Homes Out West
- Mr Gary Saliba CEO RDA Murray
- Ms Jacqui Bright Contaminated Land Management Project Officer

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

Wednesdays 11 May, 10 August, 9 November

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 General meeting held at Jerilderie Shire Council on 2 March 2016.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes of the RAMROC Mayor's and General Manager's meeting held 2 March 2016.
2. Regional Freight Transport Plan (Attached Separately Due to Large Size)

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 11 May 2016, 10am, Jerilderie

RECOMMENDED:

That Council receive and note the:

1. Minutes of the RAMROC Mayor's and General Manager's General Meeting held on 2 March 2016.
2. Regional Freight Transport Plan.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE RIVERINA AND MURRAY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (RAMROC), HELD IN THE IAN GILBERT ROOM AT JERILDERIE SHIRE COUNCIL, ON WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2016 AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

Albury City:	Cr Henk van de Ven Frank Zaknich
Balranald:	Cr Leigh Byron Mr Aaron Drenovski
Berrigan:	Cr Bernard Curtin Cr Brian Hill Mr Rowan Perkins
Carrathool:	Cr Peter Laird Mr Phil Marshall
Conargo:	Cr Norm Brennan Mr Barry Barlow
Corowa:	Cr Paul Miegel Chris Gillard
Deniliquin:	Cr Ashley Hall Mr Des Bilske
Greater Hume:	Apology
Griffith City:	Cr John Dal Broi Cr Leon Thorpe Mr Brett Stonestreet
Hay:	Apology
Jerilderie:	Cr Ruth McRae Cr Terry Hogan (RAMROC Chair) Mr David Tamlyn
Leeton:	Cr Paul Maytom Ms Jackie Kruger
Murray:	Ms Margot Stork
Murrumbidgee:	Cr Austin Evans Mr Phil Pinyon
Narrandera:	Cr Jenny Clarke Ms Judy Charlton
Urana Shire	Mr Adrian Butler
Wakool:	Cr Neil Gorey
Wentworth:	Mr Peter Kozlowski
RAMROC	Mr Ray Stubbs Executive Officer

MEETING GUESTS:

Ms Shelley Scoullar - Chair West Berriquin Irrigators Inc and Speak UP Campaign
Ms Vicki Meyer - West Berriquin Irrigators Inc and Chair Homes Out West
Mr Gary Saliba CEO RDA Murray
Ms Jacqui Bright – Contaminated Land Management Project Officer

MRRR 1 - WELCOME TO MEETING

The RAMROC Chairman Cr Terry Hogan extended a warm welcome to Cr Henk van de Ven Mayor of Albury City, Phil Marshall General Manager Carrathool Shire and Phil Pinyon Acting General Manager Murrumbidgee Shire. He also welcomed the meeting presenters and guests Ms Shelley Scoullar, Ms Vicki Meyer, Ms Jacqui Bright and Mr Gary Saliba

MRRR 2 - APOLOGIES:

Cr Kevin Mack – Albury City
Cr Peter Nunan - Wentworth Shire
Cr Heather Wilton and Steven Pinnuck - Greater Hume Shire
Cr Bill Sheaffe and Allen Dwyer - Hay Shire
Cr Patrick Bourke - Urana Shire
Mr David Shaw - Administrator Murray Shire
Mr Craig Moffitt – Jerilderie Shire
Ms Lea Rosser – Wakool Shire

**RESOLVED that the apologies be received and accepted
(Moved Griffith and seconded Berrigan)**

MRRR 3 - MINUTES OF RAMROC MEETING HELD AT JERILDERIE ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2015

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 13th November 2015 be received and confirmed.

(Moved Albury and seconded Corowa)

MRRR 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 13TH NOVEMBER 2015 MEETING

Item MRRR 4 - Traffic Accident Reporting

Cr Paul Maytom advised that no further responses had been received by his Council from the Police Minister's office and the Executive Officer advised that he would liaise with Council Officers to again follow up on the matter.

MRRR 5 – PRESENTATIONS

Item 5.1 – Ms Shelley Scoullar – Chair West Berriquin Irrigators Incorporated and Co-ordinator Speak Up Food Campaign and Murray Darling Basin Plan Impacts

Shelley addressed the meeting in relation to the grass roots "Speak Up" media and social media education campaign regarding the critical importance of food and fibre production in the Southern Basin region and to mitigate against the adverse impacts of the MD Basin Plan on communities, businesses and residents. A copy of Shelley's Powerpoint presentation will be distributed to Councils.

The Speak Up campaign aims to attract corporate and community financial support and RAMROC and local Councils are each being asked to contribute up to \$10,000. The Executive Officer advised that funding could be made available from RAMROC's 2016 \$20,000 budget allocation for "National Water and Food Security Advocacy". RAMROC can also interface co-operatively with the campaign through making available marketing collateral and web links to RAMROC's Water4Food campaign.

**RESOLVED that a RAMROC contribution of \$10,000 be made to the "Speak Up" campaign
(Moved Albury and seconded Griffith)**

Item 5.2 – Cr Austin Evans – Steering Committee Chairman for the “Faith in a Basin Future” Program”

Cr Evans addressed the meeting in relation to the vision, objectives and strategies of the program, which is being established in five communities across the Murray and Murrumbidgee regions to provide training programs for irrigation based communities impacted by the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

The Steering Committee is encouraging the support of RAMROC and Member Councils in the region, although a financial contribution is not being sought.

RESOLVED that RAMROC lend strong support to the “Faith in a Basin Future” program as outlined in the presentation.

(Moved Jerilderie and seconded Conargo)

Item 5.3 – Ms Jacqui Bright – Project Officer RAMROC and REROC Contaminated Lands Management (CLM) Program

Jacqui outlined to the meeting the current status of the 3 year CLM program funded by NSW EPA, which embraces 26 Local Government areas across the RAMROC and REROC regions and which provides for the development of individual Contaminated Land Management Plans, Policies and Procedures for each of the participating Councils. Jacqui is currently meeting face to face with Councils, as well as conducting Development Consent workshops for Councils’ Planning Officers.

MRRR 6 – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Item 6.1 Fit for the Future – Minister’s Merger proposals applicable to RAMROC Councils

Consideration was given to the Executive Officer’s report in relation to merger proposals under consideration at the present time and to the action taken by the General Managers’ Group to draw the Minister’s attention to the need for an adequate transition period between a Governor’s Proclamation and the commencement date of a newly merged entity.

The meeting also discussed the issue of Joint Organisations and the Minister’s intention to invite in the near future Expressions of Interest for two additional “Pilot” or “Early Starter” Joint Organisations.

RESOLVED that RAMROC endorse the resolution of the General Managers Group and the action taken to write to the Premier, the Local Government Minister and the appointed Delegates, in relation to the importance of an adequate transition period leading to the commencement date of a newly proclaimed Council entity

(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Albury)

FURTHER RESOLVED that at this stage no action be taken in relation to the question of additional “Pilot” or “Early Starter” Joint Organisations, pending receipt of further information from the Government regarding the Outcomes Report of the current 5 Pilot Joint Organisations and the invitation for Expressions of Interest for the proposed additional “Pilot” or “Early Starter” Joint Organisations

(Moved Griffith and seconded Leeton)

(Note: This resolution was carried as an amendment to a motion that RAMROC submit an Expression of Interest at the appropriate time for the proposed Murray and Murrumbidgee Joint Organisation (MAMJO) as one of the two Pilot/Early Starter Joint Organisations

FURTHER RESOLVED that letters be written to Premier Mike Baird MP and Local Government Minister Paul Toole MP, stressing the need for an early State Government decision on definite dates for the ensuing Local Government Elections, which are currently scheduled for September 2016

(Moved Albury and seconded Griffith)

Item 6.2 – Review of the Local Government Act Development – Phase 1 Explanatory Paper

The Office of Local Government has recently distributed to Councils the Phase 1 Explanatory Paper entitled “Towards New Local Government Legislation” and has invited feedback on the proposed amendments to the 1993 Local Government Act. This Phase 1 Explanatory Paper focuses principally on changes to Governance and Strategic Planning matters. The General Managers Group submitted for consideration by the RAMROC Board a number of suggested changes to be put forward as a regional response.

**RESOLVED that RAMROC endorse the changes suggested by the General Managers Group to the meeting, with the exception of the comments contained in Section 3.1 (Role of the Mayor) and Section 3.7 (Mayor/Councillor Professional Development), and that a RAMROC regional response be lodged with OLG by the due date of 15th March 2016
(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Deniliquin)**

Item 6.3 – RAMROC Regional Freight Transport Plan

Consideration was given to the Executive Officer’s report regarding the RAMROC Regional Freight Transport Plan, which has been developed through the Engineers Working Group. The document brings together road, bridge, intermodal and other infrastructure information which has been provided by Member Councils and the Plan will provide a valuable tool for Councils making applications for infrastructure funding. The Plan is a working document which will be updated on a regular basis through the ongoing input of participating Councils.

**RESOLVED that the Executive Officer’s report be received and noted and that RAMROC endorse the Regional Freight Transport Plan as a working document to be updated on a regular basis
(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Albury)**

Item 6.4 – The Jerilderie Proposition – Official Recognition of Sir John Monash

Jerilderie Shire Council has sought RAMROC’s support of the Jerilderie Proposition, which seeks official recognition and posthumous promotion of General Sir John Monash to the rank of Australian Field Marshall with effect on 11th November 1930

**RESOLVED that RAMROC resolve to support Jerilderie Shire Council in its representations to Prime Minister the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, seeking the official recognition and posthumous promotion of General Sir John Monash one step in rank to Australian Field Marshall with effect on 11th November 1930.
(Moved Jerilderie and seconded Griffith)**

**FURTHER RESOLVED that RAMROC exhort the support of the Federal Member for Farrer the Hon Sussan Ley MP (Minister for Health, Aged Care and Sport) and the Member for Riverina the Hon Michael McCormack MP (Assistant Minister for Defence)
(Moved Jerilderie and seconded Griffith)**

Item 6.5 – MDBA Annual Report 2014-2015 and Commonwealth Environmental Water holder Summer Update Report

The Executive Officer reported on the key features of the MDBA and CEWH Reports and advised that arrangements are in hand to have a roundtable meeting at Deniliquin in the near future between the RAMROC Executive Group and the MDBA Chairman Neil Andrew and Chief Executive Phillip Glyde

**RESOLVED that the Executive Officer’s report be received and noted and that the Executive Group to meet with MDBA comprise the RAMROC Chair Cr Terry Hogan, Deputy Chair Cr Kevin Mack, Secretary/Treasurer Margot Stork, Executive Officer Ray Stubbs, together with Mayor Cr Neil Gorey, Mayor Cr Austin Evans, General Manager Rowan Perkins and General Manager Des Bilske
(Moved Berrigan and seconded Conargo)**

Item 6.6 – Multicultural NSW - Appointment of Regional Advisory Councils

Multicultural NSW has invited RAMROC to nominate one representative for the Riverina RAC and one representative for the Murray-Lower Darling RAC.

The Mayor of Leeton Shire Cr Paul Maytom informed the meeting that he has already been nominated as a Member of the Riverina RAC. The Executive Officer will liaise with Councils in the Murray-Lower Darling region in relation to nominating an appropriate person as a Member of that RAC.

**RESOLVED that RAMROC support the nomination of Cr Paul Maytom as a Member of the Riverina Regional Advisory Council and that the Executive Officer make contact with Councils in the Murray-Lower Darling region for nomination of a Member to that Regional Advisory Council
(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Deniliquin)**

MRRR 7 – RAMROC FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECMEBRE 2015

Consideration was given to the Financial Statements for all RAMROC Funds for the period ended 31st December 2015. The Executive Officer reported that the income and expenditure items are in line with the Budget Estimates and that no significant variations are expected through to the end of the financial year at 30th June 2016.

**RESOLVED that the RAMROC Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2015 be adopted
(Moved Albury and seconded Narrandera)**

MRRR 8 – RAMROC DRAFT STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR PERIOD 2016-2018

Consideration was given to the draft Strategic and Operational Plan for the period 2016 to 2018. The General Managers Group has recommended that the draft Plan be now formally adopted by the RAMROC Board

**RESOLVED that the RAMROC Strategic and Operational Plan for the period 2016 through 2018 be formally adopted as the basis for policy and strategy implementation
(Moved Albury and seconded Jerilderie)**

MRRR 9 - REPORTS OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

The Minutes of the following Working Group meetings were submitted for notation and for endorsement of actions taken:-

- 9.1 RAMROC Engineers Group – 4th November 2015
- 9.2 RAMROC Integrated Planning and Reporting Network – 19th November 2015
- 9.3 RAMROC Riverina Waste Management Group – 2nd December 2015
- 9.4 RAMROC Murray Waste Management Group – 4th December 2015
- 9.5 RAMROC General Managers Group – 29th January 2016
- 9.6 RAMROC Murray Waste Management Group – 10th February 2016

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Working Group meetings be received and noted and that actions taken therein be endorsed
(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Albury)**

MRRR 10 – GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Item 10.1 – Victorian State Government Legislation – Suspension of Individual Councillors

Cr Jenny Clarke referred to recent legislation passed by the Victorian State Government, whereby the Local Government Minister is empowered to suspend individual Councillors responsible for serious misconduct, rather than having to suspend the entire Council.

**RESOLVED that RAMROC write to the Premier and to the Minister for Local Government, proposing that the NSW Government pass similar legislation to that recently enacted in Victoria, giving the Local Government Minister the power to suspend individual Councillors for serious misconduct, rather than having to suspend all Councillors.
(Moved Narrandera and seconded Griffith)**

Item 10.2 – Congratulations to Des Bilske and Terri Maguire

The meeting noted with pleasure the recent marriage of Deniliquin General Manager Des Bilske and Terri Maguire and passed on congratulations to them both.

Item 10.3 – Merger Proposals – Public Hearing Processes

Berrigan Shire Mayor Cr Bernard Curtin referred to the recent Public Hearing for the Minister's proposal to merge Berrigan Shire with the southern part of Jerilderie Shire and to a serious error by officers of NSW Premier and Cabinet and the Office of Local Government. Barooga residents were initially unable to register to attend and/or address the Delegate, because Barooga has a Victorian postcode and the online registration system only accepted people with an NSW postcode

Item 10.4 – Murray Darling Association

Deniliquin General Manager Des Bilske is a member of the MDA Executive and he advised that a recent weekend workshop was held to identify key issues facing the organisation and for the development of a new Strategic Plan which will be distributed to Councils in the near future.

Item 10.5 – Merger Proposals – access to IPART Report for Conargo Shire

Conargo Shire Mayor Cr Norm Brennan referred to endeavours by his council under the GIPA Act to gain access to the IPART Report assessment for Conargo Shire. The GIPA application has involved considerable expense and resulted in unacceptable delays, which has prevented the Council from receiving the IPART assessment in time for Council to address the matter in its final submission to the Delegate examining the Minister's Deniliquin/Conargo merger proposal.

Item 10.6 – 2016 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government

Narrandera Shire Mayor Cr Jenny Clarke informed the meeting that the Council's General Manager Judy Charlton has been announced as the winner of the 2016 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government in the category of "*Senior Staff Member – Rural or Regional Council*"

The meeting congratulated Judy on her outstanding achievement

Item 10.7 –Regional Living Expo at Sydney Showgrounds Olympic Park – August 2016

No action was taken in respect of a request from the Expo Co-ordinator Peter Bailey to address the 4th May RAMROC meeting in relation to potential participation by Councils in the 2016 Expo

There being no further business, the RAMROC meeting concluded at 12.15 pm