



Committee Minutes

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Tuesday
21 February 2017

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: 21 February 2017

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ITEM NO: 3.1-1
REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES - SPORTSGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 13 December 2016
MEETING VENUE: Narrandera Sportsground

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 21 February 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Narrandera Sportsground Advisory Committee Meeting of 13 December 2016.

Committee Members:

Mayor Cr Kschenka, Cr Hall, Cr Lewis, Peter Royle, Gavin Sullivan, Graham Flynn, Bill Howitt, Ron Absolom, Noel Crichton, Shane Longmore, Lee Longford, Peter Eurell, Julian Geddes, Roger Evans

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

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 5.30 pm and thanked committee members for attending. The meeting was an open discussion held onsite at the Coaches boxes construction site.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Narrandera Shire Councillor	Mayor Cr Kschenka
Representing Committee	Peter Royle (Chairperson)
Representing Committee	Gavin Sullivan
Representing Committee	Graham Flynn
Representing Committee	Noel Crichton
Representing Committee	Ron Absolom
Representing Committee	Shane Longmore
Representing Committee	Bill Howitt
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Julian Geddes, Deputy General Manager Infrastructure (DGMI)
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Roger Evans, Manager Open Space and Recreation (OSR)

Observers Nil

Item 2 - APOLOGIES Cr Hall, Cr Lewis, Lee Longford

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 22 March 2016

Moved: Graham Flynn **Seconded:** Ron Absolom **CARRIED**

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Club House Roof
The Committee reported that the Narrandera Imperial Football Club (NIFC) will be installing a roof on the clubhouse that had been donated by PCR Builders. The roof will be installed early February 2017.
2. Coaches Boxes Update
The Committee were updated on the progress of the coach's box. The Committee discussed the roof and enquired why it was not colour bond. The Manager OSR explained that the Committee formed a project group to assist with the design of the building and the project group decided not to use colour bond given that there are two different colour bond colours at the ground one being green which is known to fade, also noting the specification of the building was to tie in with the existing buildings including the grandstand, canteens and club house.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. 2017 Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) Community Series Pre Season Competition - Preparation Update
The Manger OSR updated the Committee on the progress with the AFL preseason match explaining that the playing surface has been hollow cored, scarified and top-dressed as well as fertilised. The AFL has inspected the venue on a number of occasions and they are happy with the progress. More meetings will take place along with expressions of interest for catering and beverages as the match draws closer.
2. Interchange benches
Graham Flynn informed the Committee that the NIFC will be enlisting in Rombola engineering to construct the interchange benches.

CORRESPONDENCE Nil

ATTACHMENTS Nil

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 7 February 2017 – 5:30pm – Narrandera Sportsground

MEETING CLOSED 6pm

Approved by Chairperson:  _____

RE/kp – 2017 February

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Narrandera Sportsground Advisory Committee Meeting of 13 December 2016.

ITEM NO: 3.1-2
REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services
SUBJECT: NOTES - LAKE TALBOT ENVIRONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 21 December 2016
MEETING VENUE: NARRANDERA EX-SERVICEMENS CLUB

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 21 February 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the notes taken of the Extraordinary Lake Talbot Environs Committee Meeting 21 December 2016.

Committee Members:

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

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

The Chairperson opened the meeting and thanked committee members for attending. A quorum did not eventuate and the following notes of the discussions held by Committee members in attendance.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Representing Committee	Peter Beal
Representing Committee	Ken Murphy
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Julian Geddes (Deputy General Manager Infrastructure)

Observers Nil

Item 2 - APOLOGIES Rex Evans, Darren Knagge, Jeff Kirk, Roger Evans

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held – not listed as extraordinary meeting

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Final draft report by GHD on Lake Talbot Hydrological Study

As circulated in earlier correspondence an extraordinary meeting was scheduled to discuss the final draft report by GHD on Lake Talbot Hydrological Study. A quorum did not eventuate and the following notes the discussion held by Committee members in attendance.

It was recognised that some amendments had been made to the draft study as requested. The major concern expressed was associated with the proposed zoning of the lake involving a wetlands area, conservation area and recreational area. In this respect there was further concern over statements in the study that all stakeholders have strong support for this concept. For this reason it was proposed that the study be not circulated to stakeholders until Council had been briefed and discussion held with the funding body, RMS.

The observation was also made that the study appeared to have a domination on environmental and fish habitat and that the importance of recreation has been understated. The accuracy of some content in the study was also a concern particularly in regard to weed infestation. The position as earlier corrected by the committee has been amended on fig 2 (page 10) but not reflected on figure 8 (page 27). Furthermore on page 40 the study refers to weed infestation as fairly light. It was also noted that the zoning recommendation on which the study is now largely based is not supported by qualified independent expert, Mr Stuart Roland.

Another disappointing aspect is that the only option put forward to improve water flow was a pipeline concept which was not supported by stakeholders. The suggestion of additional structures between the lake and main canal as raised at the stakeholder meeting was not investigated (refer page 41 of study).

The following actions were agreed:

- (a) A discussion will be held with RMS on concerns relating to the study with key representatives of this committee available for support and further explanation on this issue
- (b) Council will be briefed prior to its next meeting, by Mr Julian Geddes, on the draft study including the above mentioned concerns
- (c) The current draft study will not be circulated to all stakeholders until an outcome has been determined as in (a) and (b).]

ATTACHMENTS Nil

NEXT MEETING Nil

Approved by Chairperson



RE/kp – 2017 February

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the notes taken of the Extraordinary Lake Talbot Environs Committee Meeting 21 December 2016.

ITEM NO: 3.1-3
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – AUSTRALIA DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 09 January 2017
MEETING VENUE: Narrandera Visitor Information Centre

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 21 February 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Australia Day Planning Committee Meeting of 09 January 2017.

Committee Members:

Mayor Cr Kschenka (Chair), Cr Payne, Bob Manning, Helen McDermott, Beryl Brain, Stephen Targett, Anthony Gibson, Barbara Bryon, Graeme Davies, Ashleigh Harrison, Michelle Sleep

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The Chairperson opened the meeting at **5.05pm** and thanked committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Kschenka (Chair)
Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Payne
Representing Committee	Bob Manning
Representing Committee	Beryl Brain
Representing Committee	Anthony Gibson
Representing Committee	Barbara Bryon
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Ashleigh Harrison (Events Officer)

Observers Nil

Item 2 - APOLOGIES Helen McDermott, Graeme Davies

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 28 November 2016

Moved: Cr Payne

Seconded: Beryl Brain

CARRIED

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Photo Presentation

- a. A television has been sourced to be used for showing a photo presentation during the Narrandera Australia Day Ceremony, which is being held in the Marie Bashir Park on Thursday 26 January from 9am.
- b. The television will be placed in a safe location on a sturdy table.
- c. The photo presentation must be a rolling presentation so that it continues to show photos throughout the Narrandera Australia Day ceremony.

2. Ambassador Dinner

- a. The Committee decided they would prefer to have two meals (main and dessert), alternatively served, at the Narrandera Shire Australia Day Ambassador Dinner, rather than order from the menu.
- b. The Committee decided not to invite any community representatives to the Ambassador's Welcome Dinner for 2017.
- c. An MC is needed for the Ambassador Welcome Dinner. It is envisaged that the MC would be the same MC as the Australia Day Award Ceremony MC.

3. Yabby Races

Committee member, Anthony Gibson, will follow up with the Junior Rugby League Club to receive their event application documentation for the Yabby Races that are being held at the completion of the Narrandera Australia Day Ceremony, in the Marie Bashir Park on Thursday 26 January 2017.

4. Australia Day Competition

- a. The Narrandera Shire Australia Day Competition for children was popular with 136 entries received from children aged between 5 and 11 years. The theme for the competition was "Why I Love Australia".
- b. The Committee suggested that vouchers be given as the prizes for the Australia Day competition this year.
- c. The Narrandera branch of the Commonwealth Bank has generously allowed the Committee to display the entries for the Australia Day competition in their front windows.

5. Narrandera's Australia Day Ceremony

- a. Committee member, Ms Barbara Bryon has offered to be the photographer at the Narrandera Australia Day ceremony.
- b. The Committee decided the Australian Citizenship Affirmation should be included in the Narrandera Australia Day Ceremony.
- c. The Narrandera Australia Day Ceremony will include a Citizenship Ceremony with at least two new citizens.

- d. Council endorsed the Australia Day award recipients' recommendation at its December Council meeting.

ITEM 6. PROGRAM OF EVENTS

1. The Willandra Three Rivers Exhibition will be open for viewing in the Narrandera Arts and Community Centre on Australia Day, 26 January 2017, from 9am-4pm.
2. The Narrandera Bowling Club welcomes bowlers and non-bowlers to their Australia V the World event on Australia Day 26 January 2017 from 2pm. If you have overseas heritage then you join the World Team to play bowls against the Aussies on Australia Day.

ITEM 7. AMBASSADOR DETAILS

1. The Narrandera Shire's 2017 Australia Day Ambassador is Nick Rheinberger.
2. Nick Rheinberger will be travelling to the Narrandera Shire by car.
3. The Ambassador's accommodation has been booked.
4. At this point in time, travel arrangements are still unclear. A further update will be provided at the next Committee meeting.
5. Mayor Cr Kschenka agreed to chaperone the Ambassador for his Narrandera Shire Australia Day visit.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Sponsorship
 - a. Narrandera CWA has donated money towards the cost of the wava flags.
 - b. The Narrandera Bakery will kindly donate some lamingtons and ANZAC biscuits for the enjoyment of attendees at the conclusion of the Narrandera Australia Day Ceremony.

CORRESPONDENCE Nil

ATTACHMENTS Nil

NEXT MEETING Monday 23 January 2017 – 5pm – Narrandera Visitor Information Centre

MEETING CLOSED 6.15pm

Approved by Chairperson



CHAIR

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Australia Day Planning Committee Meeting of 09 January 2017.

ITEM NO: 3.1-4
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – AUSTRALIA DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 23 January 2017
MEETING VENUE: Narrandera Visitor Information Centre

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 21 February 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Australia Day Planning Committee Meeting of 23 January 2017.

Committee Members:

Mayor Cr Kschenka (Chair), Cr Payne, Bob Manning, Helen McDermott, Beryl Brain, Stephen Targett, Anthony Gibson, Barbara Bryon, Graeme Davies, Ashleigh Harrison, Julie Briggs

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

The Chairperson opened the meeting at **5.08pm** and thanked committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Kschenka (Chair)
Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Payne
Representing Committee	Beryl Brain
Representing Committee	Helen McDermott
Representing Committee	Stephen Targett
Representing Committee	Graeme Davies
Representing Committee	Barbara Bryon
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Julie Briggs (Acting Economic Development Manager)
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Ashleigh Harrison (Events Officer)

Observers Nil

Item 2 - APOLOGIES Bob Manning, Anthony Gibson

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 09 January 2017

Moved: Mayor Cr Kschenka **Seconded:** Cr Payne **CARRIED**

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Ambassador Dinner
 - a. The MC for the Australia Day Ambassador Dinner has been confirmed.
 - b. The Committee discussed what speeches should occur on the night of the Australia Day Ambassador Welcome Dinner.
 - c. Council's Events Officer confirmed the menu for the Ambassador Welcome Dinner to those present.

2. Yabby Races

The event application documentation for the Yabby Races has been received and approved.

3. Australia Day Competition

Vouchers have been donated as the prizes for the Australia Day Competition. A thank you letter will be sent to this business in due course.

4. Affirmation

The Affirmation will occur as part of the Citizenship Ceremony. Affirmation cards have been received. These can be handed out to those present at the Narrandera Australia Day Ceremony.

5. Photo Presentation
 - a. A television has been sourced to be used for showing a photo presentation during the Narrandera Australia Day Ceremony. This will be delivered to the Visitor Centre the day prior to Australia Day and collected the day after Australia Day.
 - b. Photos have been taken by Cr Payne for use in the presentation.
 - c. The television will be placed in a safe location on a sturdy table.

*** At this point, time being 5.20pm, Committee member, Barbara Bryon, joined the meeting*

ITEM 6. AMBASSADOR DETAILS

Council's Events Officer provided an update to the Committee on the Narrandera Shire Australia Day Ambassador's travel arrangements, including arrival time, departure time and Ambassador's travel party.

ITEM 7. PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The Australia Day Planning Committee reviewed the Australia Day program and approved subject to a couple of minor changes. These minor changes will be made by Council's Events Officer prior to printing.

ITEM 8. FINAL AUSTRALIA DAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Australia Day Planning Committee confirmed final operational details for Narrandera Shire's 2017 Australia Day.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Australia Day Competition
 - a. The winners of the Australia Day Competition have been decided.
 - b. It was decided that a number of highly commended certificates would be awarded. The highly commended certificates will not be presented at the Official Narrandera Australia Day Ceremony, but rather taken to the schools to be presented.

CORRESPONDENCE Nil

ATTACHMENTS Nil

NEXT MEETING Monday 20 February 2017 – 5pm – Narrandera Visitor Information Centre.

MEETING CLOSED 5.55pm



CHAIR

Approved by Chairperson

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Australia Day Planning Committee Meeting of 23 January 2017.

ITEM NO: 3.1-5
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – JOHN O’BRIEN FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 16 January 2017
MEETING VENUE: Narrandera Ex-Servicemen’s Club

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 21 February 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the John O’Brien Festival Organising Committee Meeting of 16 January 2017.

Committee Members

Cr Fahey, Cr Bryon, Ernest Rea (Chair), David Marwood, Kimberley Beattie, Tony Andracchio, Events Officer – Ashleigh Harrison

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

The Chairperson opened the meeting at **6:01pm** and thanked committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Bryon
Representing Committee	Ernest Rea (Chair)
Representing Committee	David Marwood (Treasurer)
Representing Committee	Kimberley Beattie (Secretary)
Representing Committee	Tony Andracchio
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Kellie Dissegna (Marketing and Tourism Officer)

Observers Nil

Item 2 - APOLOGIES Cr Fahey, Ashleigh Harrison (Events Officer)

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 05 December 2016

Moved: Kimberley Beattie **Seconded:** Tony Andracchio **CARRIED**

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Engaging Noel Stallard and Gregory North to conduct a show and workshops in 2017
 - a. Cr Bryon has been in contact with performers, Noel Stallard and Gregory North.
 - b. Noel Stallard and Gregory North are interested in coming to Narrandera in 2017, possibly in March, to run some workshops with local schools and host a show for the general public. Mr Stallard and Mr North will contact Cr Bryon with their preferred dates and fees once they have further discussed the matter between themselves.
 - c. Once a date has been selected, the committee will seek available dates and expressions of interest from local schools and venues.
 - d. Cr Bryon mentioned that Geoffrey Graham had similarly expressed interest in possibly hosting a show in Narrandera in 2017.
 - e. If these performances go ahead the performers can be billeted at the homes of local supporters.
 - f. A discussion was held regarding possible means of funding payment of the performers if these shows and workshops go ahead, but a conclusion was not reached. The decision was shelved for further discussion at the next meeting.

2. Media Release to seek new committee members
 - g. Council's Marketing and Tourism Officer reported that media releases from the John O'Brien Festival Organising Committee need to be submitted via Council, according to Council's Media and Public Relations Policy.
 - h. The Committee's secretary will draft a media release within the next week and seek feedback from the committee before submitting it to Council, to be released prior to the next meeting.

3. Updating the Jim Angel Memorial Award perpetual trophy

Narrandera Signs were contacted before Christmas to update the Jim Angel Memorial Award perpetual trophy at the Narrandera Visitor Information Centre with the 2016 winner's details. The Committee were informed it would be done in the New Year (early 2017).

ITEM 6. COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

1. A media release is to be drafted by the Committee's Secretary and submitted to Council staff for release through Council's media release procedure. The media release will also be placed on the John O'Brien Festival website and the John O'Brien Festival Facebook page (repeated weekly), as well as promoted on Narrandera community radio.
2. Fliers will also be placed in shopfronts around town.
3. A second media release will be drafted in February featuring 'vox pop' questions and answers with current committee members explaining why they joined the committee.

4. The Committee aims to have an information and promotion stall at the Narrandera Farmers Markets each month, possibly with a donations box and/or raffle to raise funds as well as awareness.
5. The Committee will also have an information and promotion stall in Keisling Lane/East Street in February, March and April 2017.
6. A flier or brochure will be created about the John O'Brien Festival and/or John O'Brien to hand out to people with contact details for interested potential committee members.
7. The Committee will also utilise existing posters, banners and range of watercolour pictures currently in storage at the NVIC as part of the information and promotion stall.
8. To make it more enticing for new committee members, committee members will be offered perks, such as free entry tickets to shows at the 2018 Festival.

ITEM 7. BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS STREAM

The Building Better Regions Fund Community Investments Scheme is a Federal Government funding scheme that is opening this week for projects held away from capital cities. Local events and activities are eligible to apply. A link to the official website will be forwarded to the John O'Brien Festival committee members to read up on and discuss at the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS Nil

CORRESPONDENCE Nil

ATTACHMENTS Nil

NEXT MEETING 6 February 2017 – 6pm – Ex-Servicemen's Club

MEETING CLOSED 7.00pm

Approved by Chairperson



KD/ah – 2017 February

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the John O'Brien Festival Organising Committee Meeting of 16 January 2017.

ITEM NO: 3.1-6
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – JOHN O’BRIEN FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 6 February 2017
MEETING VENUE: Narrandera Ex-Servicemen’s Club

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 14 February 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the John O’Brien Festival Organising Committee Meeting of 6 February 2017.

Committee Members:

Cr Fahey, Cr Bryon, Ernest Rea (Chair), David Marwood (Treasurer), Kimberley Beattie (Secretary), Tony Andracchio, Events Officer – Ashleigh Harrison

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

The Chairperson opened the meeting at **6:05pm** and thanked committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Bryon
Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Kschenka
Representing Committee	Ernest Rea (Chair)
Representing Committee	Kimberley Beattie
Representing Committee	Tony Andracchio
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Ashleigh Harrison (Events Officer)

Observers Nil

Item 2 - APOLOGIES Cr Fahey, David Marwood

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 16 January 2016

Moved: Cr Bryon **Seconded:** Tony Andracchio **CARRIED**

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Media Release
 - a. The Committee’s Secretary developed a draft media release calling for committee members and circulated it to the committee for feedback after the

John O'Brien Festival meeting that was held on 16 January 2017. The final draft of this media release was forwarded to Council for approval through their media release process. The media release calling for Committee members was published by Council today, 6 February 2017. The media release will be promoted by the committee via the John O'Brien Festival website and Facebook page, and via Narrandera's Community Radio, Spirit FM.

- b. Council's Marketing and Tourism Officer forwarded some questions to the Committee's Secretary to use for a 'vox pop' media release after the meeting on 16 January 2017. The Committee's Secretary will forward these to the John O'Brien Festival Organising Committee members and use the responses to develop a second media release before the next Committee meeting.

2. Recruitment Flier

The Committee's Secretary drafted a promotional flier to encourage locals to join the John O'Brien Festival Organising Committee. A copy of this flier was circulated at the meeting, and feedback gathered from the existing committee members. The Secretary will make the requested edits and the flier will be displayed around town and on the John O'Brien Festival Facebook page.

3. Promotional Stall

- a. The Committee's Stallholder Coordinator has approached Council to book a space for a promotional stall to encourage local interest in the John O'Brien Festival and to recruit new committee members. The dates for the promotional stalls are: Friday 17 February, Friday 3 March and Friday 31 March 2017. A plan was made at the meeting to determine a schedule for setting up and manning the stall on Friday 17 February.
- b. The Committee's Chair and Secretary along with Council's Events Officer have located the John O'Brien Festival 'pull-up' banner and other promotional materials currently in storage at Narrandera Visitor Information Centre. These will be collected by a committee member on Thursday 16 February for use at the stall on Friday 17 February 2017. The items will be returned to the Narrandera Visitor Information Centre after the stall has been packed down.

4. Fundraising Raffle

The Committee's Treasurer has donated some items to the Committee to use as raffle prizes. The Committee decided to raffle off these items as two separate prizes at the promotional stalls. The Committee is still seeking one more raffle prize for the third stall. It is planned that the funds raised will contribute to the running of the schools engagement program with Noel Stallard.

5. Schools Engagement with Noel Stallard and Gregory North

- a. Cr Bryon has liaised with performers, Noel Stallard and Gregory North, since the meeting on 16 January 2017. Noel is available in March 2017 but Gregory will not be available until later in the year, date to be determined.
- b. Cr Bryon has further liaised with local schools. The three primary/infants schools are interested in working together to hold a joint-event with Noel, but no date has yet been determined. The Narrandera High School is potentially interested in having an event as well.
- c. The purpose of the event will be to engage youth and teacher interest in John O'Brien and bush poetry, with the aim of increasing local involvement with the Festival and interest in John O'Brien's poetry and life.

- d. Local volunteers have offered to billet Noel and wife Anne free of charge.
- e. The Committee aims to run this engagement initiative as a cost-neutral event, with the performer fees paid for through fundraising efforts. The Committee decided they did not want to apply to Council for funds for this project, but that they would prefer to raise the funds themselves.

ITEM 6. BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS STREAM

The link to the website for the Building Better Regions Fund was forwarded to the committee members after the last John O'Brien Festival meeting, but further investigation is required before an informed discussion can be held. Applications close on 31 March 2017. The committee members will read up on the fund and put together ideas to discuss at the next meeting on 6 March 2017.

ITEM 7. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE

The recruitment media release was published today, and will be disseminated as discussed previously before the next meeting. Committee members will approach individuals and community groups personally to encourage new members to join the committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Ideas for further discussion

Geoffrey Graham has expressed interest in holding a show in Narrandera in 2017. The Committee decided not to pursue this as a Festival-related event, but will leave it up to Geoffrey to organise and run his own show if he wishes.

2. Ideas for further discussion

- a. The Committee could potentially have a stand at one or more folk festivals held in other towns throughout the year, to promote the John O'Brien Festival. Volunteers could hand out programs and information regarding the upcoming John O'Brien Festival. This idea to be further discussed when a program for the 2018 Festival has been developed.
- b. It was also suggested that perhaps Hanrahan could be used somewhere in the promotion of the John O'Brien Festival. This was suggested as the John O'Brien poem "Said Hanrahan" appears to be well known by a large number of people.
- c. The Narrandera Arts and Creative Network have purportedly discussed holding a general arts festival, which could include John O'Brien and bush poetry. The John O'Brien Festival Committee would be in favour of supporting this event if it should go ahead, but understand that the idea is only tentative at this point in time.
- d. One potential option for engaging with the local community and 'bringing John O'Brien's poetry to life' could be for a play to be written around one or more John O'Brien poems that could be performed by locals. This idea would require support from local dramatists and a playwright. It was suggested that the people who developed the 'Sunrise' performance for the Centenary of ANZAC might be interested if approached. This idea has been shelved for further discussion after new committee members have been recruited.

- e. It was suggested that the Barellan Heavy Horses that perform at the Barellan 'Good Old Days' event in October each year could potentially be included in the 2018 John O'Brien Festival. This idea has been shelved for further discussion after new committee members have been recruited, and planning for the 2018 Festival program has begun in earnest.
- f. It was suggested that Nick Reinberger could be approached as a possible presenter or guest at the 2018 John O'Brien Festival. Cr Bryon will make enquiries as to his availability and interest.

CORRESPONDENCE Nil

ATTACHMENTS Nil

NEXT MEETING Monday 6 March 2017 – 6pm – Ex-Servicemen's club

MEETING CLOSED 7pm

Approved by Chairperson *Ernest Rea*

KD/ah – February 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the John O'Brien Festival Organising Committee Meeting of 6 February 2017.

ITEM NO: 3.1-7
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES - RIVERINA AND MURRAY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (RAMROC) – GENERAL MANAGERS GROUP
MEETING DATE: 24 January 2017
MEETING VENUE: Jerilderie Shire Council

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 21 February 2017

RECOMMENDED

That Council receive the Minutes of the RAMROC General Manager's Group Meeting held on Tuesday 24 January 2017.

Committee Members

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.

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council information on the Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC) General Managers (GM's) Group meeting.

SUMMARY

The Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC) General Managers (GM's) Group consists of adjoining councils in the Riverina and Murray areas and meets quarterly, prominently at Jerilderie Shire Council.

A meeting was held on Tuesday 24 January 2017 with Narrandera Shire Council being represented by the Chief Executive Officer; Judy Charlton.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Council receive and note the Minutes of the RAMROC GM's Group Meeting that was held at the Narrandera Ex-Servicemen's Club on Tuesday 24 January 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the RAMROC GM's Group meeting

JC/VKM – 2017 February

RECOMMENDED

That Council receive the Minutes of the RAMROC General Manager's Group Meeting held on Tuesday 24 January 2017.

Attachment 1 – Minutes of the RAMROC GM's Group meeting

MINUTES OF THE RAMROC GENERAL MANAGERS GROUP MEETING HELD AT THE JERILDERIE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2017 AT 12.10 PM

PRESENT: Rowan Perkins (Berrigan), Allen Dwyer (Hay), Steve Pinnuck (Greater Hume), Brett Stonestreet (Griffith), Judy Charlton (Narrandera), Barry Barlow (Edward River); Aaron Drenovski (Balranald), Craig Moffitt (Murrumbidgee), Jackie Kruger (Leeton), Margot Stork (Murray River), Robert Rayner (Carrathool) and Executive Officer Ray Stubbs

1. APOLOGIES

Frank Zaknich (Albury), Peter Kozlowski (Wentworth) and Chris Gillard (Corowa)

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted

2. MINUTES OF THE RAMROC GENERAL MANAGERS GROUP MEETING – 21ST OCTOBER 2016

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st October 2016 be received and noted

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

3. MEETING WITH SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF NSW TREASURY IN RELATION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROPERTY LEVY ON 1ST JULY 2017

NSW Treasury officials that presented to the meeting were:-

- Ms Natalie Horvat – Executive Director Forecasting and Revenue Analysis
- Kevin Pugh – Principal Analyst Tax Reform Branch
- Peter Browne – Senior Analyst Tax Reform Branch

Kevin Pugh gave an interesting powerpoint presentation, a copy of which will be distributed with the Minutes.

The officials responded to a number of questions regarding implementation, particularly in relation to the management of customer services enquiries, funding for Councils' IT software upgrades, general logistical and financial support available to Councils, and Treasury engagement with Councils and communities about the new arrangements applicable as from 1st July 2017.

4. FIT FOR THE FUTURE – JOINT ORGANISATIONS STATUS UPDATE.

The meeting agreed to defer consideration of this matter following the recent resignation from Parliament of former NSW Premier Mike Baird and consequent uncertainties surrounding an early Cabinet re-shuffle and media announcements by Deputy Premier

John Barilaro MP proposing that the Government bring a halt to all future Council mergers in regional New South Wales.

The matter will be re-visited when the intentions of the NSW Government in regard to the Fit for the Future program are clearly made known.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR REGIONAL PANEL OF CONDUCT REVIEWERS

The Executive Officer reported that the current 4 year term for the Regional panel of Conduct Reviewers terminates on 30th June 2017 and he proposed that RAMROC undertake a new Expressions of Interest process leading to the appointment of a Regional Panel for a new 4 year term commencing 1st July 2017

RESOLVED that the Executive Officer be authorised to implement in early March 2017 an Expression of Interest process towards the appointment of a Regional Panel of Conduct Reviewers and that Brett Stonestreet, Steven Pinnuck and Rowan Perkins form the EOI Assessment Panel.

6. RAMROC WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the following RAMROC Working Group Meeting Minutes

- Records Management Group – 8th November 2016
- Riverina Waste Group – 30th November 2016
- Planners Group – 1st December 2016
- Murray Waste Group – 14th December 2016

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Working Groups be received and noted

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Change of venue for RAMROC Board Meeting – 8th February 2017

The Executive Officer advised that the RAMROC Board meeting will now be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club on 8th February and will be followed by a Renewable Energy Opportunities Workshop arranged in association with Professor Ross Garnaut Chair of ZEN Energy.

7.2 Rev. Tim Costello – Alliance for Gambling Reform

Allen Dwyer referred to a recent letter from Rev. Tim Costello on behalf of the Alliance for Gambling Reform, encouraging attendance by Councillors at a Councillor Briefing to be held in Sydney on 16th February 2017. A copy of the letter will be distributed with the Minutes.

7.3 Councillor Professional Development Programs

The meeting discussed the OLG Guidelines in relation to Councillor training and benefits that could potentially be achieved through co-ordinated training programs regionally, either through LGNSW, other external training or in-house.

General Managers are invited to advise the Executive Officer of training programs being arranged in their area, or alternatively of their requirements which might be co-ordinated on a regional basis.

There being no further business, the General Managers meeting concluded at 2.15 pm

ITEM NO: 3.1-8
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – RIVERINA AND MURRAY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (RAMROC) – MAYORS AND GENERAL MANAGERS GROUP MEETING
MEETING DATE: 8 February 2017
MEETING VENUE: Deniliquin

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 21 February 2017

RECOMMENDED

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the RAMROC Mayors and General Manager General meeting held on 8 February 2017.

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

~~ 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 Mayors and General Managers Group General Meeting.

SUMMARY

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

The General meeting was held on 8 February 2017, 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:

- The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and Southern NSW
- Professor Ross Garnaut Chairman ZEN Energy
- Richard Turner Founder and Director Innovation ZEN Energy
- Annabel Gebbie Chairman's Executive Assistant and Office Manager ZEN Energy

- Jane Spring Executive Director NSW Department of Industry - Regional Development
- Suzie Matthews Director of Small Business Engagement – NSW Department of Industry
- Karen Ballantyne Manager Special Projects and Programs NSW Small Business
- Graeme Sayer CEO Murray Hume and Riverina Business Enterprise Centres
- Kylie Walker Clean Energy Regional Co-ordinator NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
- Gary Saliba CEO RDA Murray
- Margaret O'Dwyer Regional Director NSW Department of Industry
- Paul Miegel Chair Local Representation Committee – Federation Council
- Patrick Bourke Former Mayor Urana Shire

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 Mayors and General Managers Group meeting held at Deniliquin RSL Club on 8 February 2017.

ATTACHMENT

1. Minutes of the RAMROC Mayors and General Managers Group meeting held 8 February 2017

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 10 May 2017 - 10am – Jerilderie to be Confirmed

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RECOMMENDED

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the RAMROC Mayors and General Managers General meeting held on 8 February 2017.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE RIVERINA AND MURRAY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (RAMROC), HELD IN THE MOUNTBATTEN ROOM OF THE DENILQUIN RSL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

Albury City:	Cr Kevin Mack (RAMROC Chairperson) Ms Tracey Squire
Balranald:	Apology
Berrigan:	Cr Matthew Hannan Mr Rowan Perkins
Carrathool:	Cr Darryl Jardine Mr Ken Murphy
Edward River:	Ashley Hall (Administrator)
Federation:	Mr Paul Miegel (Chair Local Representation Committee)
Greater Hume:	Apology
Griffith City:	Cr John Dal Broi Mr Brett Stonestreet
Hay:	Cr Bill Sheaffe Mr Jack Terblanche
Leeton:	Cr Paul Maytom Ms Jackie Kruger
Murray River:	Ms Margot Stork
Murrumbidgee:	Mr Austin Evans (Administrator) Mrs Ruth McRae (Chair Local Representation Committee) Mr Craig Moffitt
Narrandera:	Cr Neville Kschenka Ms Judy Charlton
Wentworth:	Cr Susan Nichols Mr Peter Kozlowski
RAMROC	Mr Ray Stubbs (Executive Officer)

MEETING GUESTS:

The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC – Parliamentary Secretary to
the Deputy Premier and Southern New
South Wales

Professor Ross Garnaut – Chairman ZEN Energy
Richard Turner – Founder and Director Innovation ZEN
Energy

Annabel Gebbie - Chairman's Executive Assistant and Office
Manager ZEN Energy

Jane Spring – Executive Director NSW Department of
Industry - Regional Development

Suzie Matthews – Director of Small Business Engagement
– NSW Department of Industry
Karen Ballantyne – Manager Special Projects and Programs
NSW Small Business
Graeme Sayer - CEO Murray Hume and Riverina Business
Enterprise Centres
Kylie Walker – Clean Energy Regional Co-ordinator NSW
Office of Environment and Heritage
Gary Saliba – CEO RDA Murray
Margaret O'Dwyer - Regional Director NSW Department of
Industry
Paul Miegel – Chair Local Representation Committee –
Federation Council
Patrick Bourke – Former Mayor Urana Shire

MRRR 1 - WELCOME

The Chairperson Cr Kevin Mack extended a warm welcome to all of the meeting guests.

MRRR 2 - APOLOGIES

Cr Leigh Byron and Aaron Drenovski (Balranald Shire)
Cr Heather Wilton and Steven Pinnuck (Greater Hume Shire)
Cr Peter Laird (Carrathool Shire)
Administrator David Shaw (Murray River Council)
Administrator Mike Eden and Chris Gillard (Federation Council)
Cr Mick Rutledge and Allen Dwyer (Hay Shire)
Frank Zaknich (Albury City)
Barry Barlow (Edward River Council)
Trudi McDonald – Regional Co-ordinator NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet
Wendy McPherson – Executive Assistant Department of Premier and Cabinet
Jennifer Weller (Chair RDA Murray)

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

MRRR 3 - MINUTES OF RAMROC MEETING HELD AT JERILDERIE ON 2ND NOVEMBER 2016

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the RAMROC General Meeting held on 2nd November 2016 be confirmed.
(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Griffith)**

MRRR 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 2ND NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING

There were no other matters arising from the Minutes of the 2nd November 2016 meeting.

MRRR 5 – PRESENTATION – NSW DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY - REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS

Jane Spring, Executive Director NSW Department of Industry - Regional Development addressed the meeting and outlined the current range of regional development programs administered by the Department

Suzie Matthews, Director Small Business Engagement Department of Industry gave a powerpoint presentation of the activities currently being undertaken. A copy of the presentation has been distributed to Councils with these Minutes.

MRRR 6 – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Item 6.1 – RAMROC Operational Areas – Action Plan for 2017

The Executive Officer presented a proposed Action Plan to guide RAMROC's operational areas for the year 2017

RESOLVED that the Executive Officer's Operational Plan for the 2017 year be endorsed (Moved Murrumbidgee seconded Hay)

Item 6.2 – Contaminated Land Management – Project Officer's Progress Report

The Contaminated Land Management Project Officer Jessica Conner submitted her quarterly progress report on the RAMROC / REROC CLM program.

RESOLVED that the Project Officer's report be received and noted (Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Hay)

Item 6.3 – NSW Legislative Council Standing Committee Inquiry into Water Augmentation in Rural and Regional New South Wales

RAMROC's Chair and Executive Officer have been invited to appear as witnesses at the Standing Committee Public Hearing in Deniliquin on 28th February, specifically in relation to the RAMROC submission made to the Committee in July 2016, a copy of which was separately attached to the EO's report for information.

RESOLVED that the Executive Officer's Report be received and noted and that Member Councils be invited to provide any additional information which should be raised by RAMROC at the Standing Committee Hearing (Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Hay)

Item 6.4 – Fit for the Future Reform Program- Joint Organisations

The Executive Officer presented a current status report in relation to the State Government's proposals and timetable for the establishment of Joint Organisations. As at this time, the final Joint Organisation boundaries have yet to be announced and there is uncertainty as to when the draft JO legislation will be presented to Parliament. An announcement by Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP and the Minister for Local Government the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP is expected to be made in the near future.

RESOLVED that the Executive Officer's report be received and noted (Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Hay)

Item 6.5 – Murray Darling Basin Plan – Speak Up Community Campaign for Food Production, Environment and Vibrant Communities

Consideration was given to a written progress report on activities and financial management to date submitted by the Speak Up Campaign Co-ordinator Shelley Scoullar, to which RAMROC contributed an amount of \$10,000 in early 2016. RAMROC has been requested to consider making a further contribution in the 2017 year, although no provision has been made in the 2016-2017 RAMROC Budget.

RESOLVED that the Speak Up Campaign Co-ordinator be commended on the program to date and thanked for her update report, and that Speak Up be advised that RAMROC has made no provision in its 2016-2017 Budget for a further contribution to Speak Up in 2017 (Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Hay)

1. Economically efficient combinations of solar and other renewables with high technology battery storage at a central location within each Council area, which will supply low cost power to industrial areas and adjacent users
2. Utilisation of this large scale local power to supply Council, State Government and other commercial and industrial users, at lower average cost than the conventional sources of power delivered through the grid
3. Working with Councils to encourage household and small businesses to generate solar PV power and to store it in batteries for use at peak times, which will lower annual power costs across the board
4. Working with Councils and State Government agencies to reform local network pricing, which will support greater use of the network for local trade in power at times when the network is underutilised, and to reduce the demand for power in peak times when the network is constrained

A copy of the ZEN Energy EOI Summary has been distributed to Member Councils with these Minutes.

These proposals were discussed at length with ZEN Energy and in particular potential opportunities for the renewable energy technology to be applied to industries, businesses and households across the region.

ZEN Energy is prepared to visit and discuss opportunities with individual councils and communities and indicated that a favourable response from the Advanced Energy Challenge EOI would certainly facilitate early progress to bring these opportunities to fruition.

Arising from the workshop discussions, RAMROC delegates unanimously passed the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that RAMROC endorse working with ZEN Energy to explore renewable energy opportunities for Councils and communities in the Riverina Murray region and advise the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW the Hon John Barilaro MP and the Minister for Resources, Energy and Utilities the Hon Don Harwin MLC that RAMROC strongly supports the ZEN Energy Expression of Interest lodged with the NSW Government under the Advanced Energy Challenge Program.

FURTHER that RAMROC Member Councils be encouraged to participate in ZEN Energy's offer to engage one-on-one with individual Councils to discuss potential renewable energy opportunities within their respective areas; and further that Councils maintain communication with Renewable Energy officials in the NSW Department of Industry (Resources and Energy) and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage"

(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Griffith)

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12.33 pm

AGENDA ITEM MRRR 7 – RAMROC 2016-2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016

The Executive Officer submitted the quarterly 2017-2017 Financial Reports as at 31st December 2016 and reported that the Budget estimates are on track, with no significant deviations evident or anticipated

**RESOLVED that the quarterly Financial Statement of RAMROC’s various accounts be noted and endorsed
(Moved Narrandera and seconded Griffith)**

AGENDA ITEM MRRR 8 – RAMROC WORKING GROUP MINUTES

The Minutes of the following Working Group meetings were submitted for information and discussion:-

- 8.1 Records Management Group – 8th November 2016
- 8.2 Riverina Waste Group – 30th November 2016
- 8.3 Planners Group – 1st December 2016
- 8.4 Murray Waste Group – 14th December 2016
- 8.5 General Managers Group – 24th January 2017
- 8.6 Economic Development Officers Group – 24th January 2017

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the various RAMROC Working Group meetings be received and noted and that the actions taken therein be endorsed.
(Moved Narrandera and seconded Leeton)**

AGENDA ITEM 9 – GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

9.1 – Indexation of Financial Assistance Grants and Roads to Recovery Funding

Mayor of Hay Shire Cr Bill Sheaffe raised the importance of RAMROC maintaining its strong representations to the Federal Government in relation to its commitment for the removal of the Government’s freeze on the indexation of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government Councils, as well as ensuring the retention of recent increased levels of Roads to Recovery funding into the future.

**RESOLVED that the RAMROC Executive Officer liaise with ALGA and LGNSW in making appropriate representations on these issues to the Prime Minister and Federal Treasurer and that RAMROC seek the support of the Member for Farrer Sussan Ley MP
(Moved Hay and seconded Narrandera)**

AGENDA ITEM 10 – WORKSHOP WITH ZEN ENERGY CHAIR AND OFFICIALS – RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES FOR RAMROC REGION’S COUNCILS AND COMMUNITIES

Chair Cr Kevin Mack welcomed Professor Ross Garnaut Chairman of ZEN Energy, Richard Turner Founder / Director of Innovation and Annabel Gebbie Executive Assistant / Office Manager to the RAMROC meeting.

Richard tabled for information of Mayors, Administrators and General Managers a summary of the ZEN Energy’s Expression of Interest to the NSW State Government for assistance under the Advanced Energy Challenge Program, which proposes the following four elements for the implementation of solar, biogas, biothermal and battery storage renewable energy systems within the region:-

ITEM NO: 3.1-9
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – NBN ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 13 February 2017
MEETING VENUE: Council Chambers

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 21 February 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the NBN Advocacy Committee Meeting of 13 February 2017.

Committee Members:

Mayor Cr Kschenka, Cr Hall, Cr Payne, Cameron Lander, Mark Wilkie, Judy Charlton, Julian Geddes

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

The Chair opened the meeting at **10.30am** and thanked committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Kschenka (Chair)
Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Hall
Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Payne
Representing Committee	Cameron Lander
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Judy Charlton (CEO)
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Julian Geddes (DGMI)

Observers Nil

Item 2 - APOLOGIES Mark Wilkie

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 30 January 2017

Moved: Cr Hall **Seconded:** Cr Payne **CARRIED**

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. See Item 6 for NBN request status
2. The Narrandera Digital Economy Group are still working on the proposal to bring to the NBN Advocacy Committee.

ITEM 6. UPDATE ON CORRESPONDENCE TO THE NBN

1. Request Reference ID AYCA-4698ZE lodged with NBN following a letter sent to NBN CEO, regarding 584 properties in the Lake Drive, Red Hill Industrial Estate, Douglas Street Industrial Area and Narrandera Airport area.
2. That the priority be Red Hill Industrial Estate and the Racecourse

Moved: Cr Hall

Seconded: Cr Payne

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS Nil

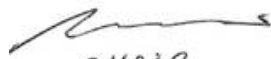
CORRESPONDENCE Nil

ATTACHMENTS Nil

NEXT MEETING Will be called as soon as NBN response is received

MEETING CLOSED 11am

Approved by Chairperson



CHAIR

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the NBN Advocacy Committee Meeting of 13 February 2017.