



MINUTES

14 May 2021 – Stanthorpe (Southern Downs Regional Council)

Venue:	22 Caves Road, Stanthorpe	Date:	Friday, 14 May 2021
Chair:	Mayor Peter Petty - Tenterfield	Time:	9.40 am
Attendees:	Richard Lomman Elizabeth Jones	Balonne Shire Council	
	Cr Rob Mackenzie	Goondiwindi Regional Council	
	Cr Kate Dight Ms Sharon Stafford	Inverell Shire Council	
	Mayor Vic Pennisi Cr Andrew Gale	Southern Downs Regional Council	
	Chair – Mayor Peter Petty Cr Brian Murray ACE Kylie Smith Noelene Hyde Sec/Treasurer Christie Fitzpatrick Cr Gary Verri	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	Donna Hobbs	Bulloo Shire Council	
	Mayor Paul Antonio Mr Paul Currie	Toowoomba Regional Council	
	James Lister	Parliament of Queensland	
	Ms Katie Williams	Qld Dept Premier & Cabinet	
	Ms Angela Doering	Dept Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Communications	
	Mr Russell Stewart	RDA Northern Inland	
	Ms Kym Murphy	Dept Transport & Main Roads Qld	
	Ms Trudi Bartlett	RDA Darling Downs & South West (via Zoom)	
	Ms Bernadette Plummer	Dept Local Govt Racing & Multicultural Affairs	
	Jo Tait	Australian Rail Track Corporation	
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1.	<p>Meeting Open: Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi opened the meeting welcoming all in attendance to Stanthorpe.</p> <p>He spoke of cross border issues, the regions major producers and difficulties faced due to only having access to manmade water.</p>
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	<p>Mayor Pennisi concluded by thanking all for their attendance.</p> <p>Chair Peter Petty introduced Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor Paul Antonio to speak early as he had another later engagement.</p> <p>Mayor Antonio spoke of the real value of Council's grouping together and the importance of working now to secure water for the future.</p>	
2.	Apologies	
	Ms Ann Leahy MP	Member for Warrego
	Ms Janelle Saffin MP	Member for Lismore
	Mr James McTavish	Cross Border Commissioner
	Mr Angus Witherby Cr Stephen Ritchie	Moree Plains Shire Council
	Mayor Samantha O'toole CEO Matthew Magin	Balonne Shire Council
	Mayor Woodcock OAM GM Michael Urquhart Cr Martinez	Walgett Shire Council
	CEO Cassandra White Mayor Beresford	Paroo Shire Council
	Frances Young	Gwydir Shire Council
	Hon David Littleproud MP	Member for Maranoa
	<p>Moved: Goondiwindi that the apologies be accepted.</p> <p>Seconded: Southern Downs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
3.	Minutes of Meeting – 12 February 2021	
3.1	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>1. Waste to Energy – Angus Witherby from Moree Plains to now lead this project.</p> <p>Angus Witherby from Moree Plains was not present at this meeting. To report at a later date.</p> <p>2. China Trade Issue – Cr Kate Dight to report back to meeting.</p> <p>Cr Dight advised she has been speaking with UNE Derrick Baker looking for someone relevant from UNE to speak on this issue.</p> <p>Russell Stewart from RDANI offered to contact Rob Harrison.</p> <p>3. Exclusion Fencing – Cr Peter Petty to pursue with the Minister for Local Government</p> <p>Good to see the Queensland State Government has added another \$5 million for exclusion fencing in Local Government areas whereas NSW is not doing much at all.</p> <p>4. Water Mapping Project – Letter of support sent to RDA Darling Downs & South West</p>	

	<p>Noted</p> <p>5. Signatories for BROCC Accounts to be changed to Cr Peter Petty, Cr Kate Dight and Christie Fitzpatrick</p> <p>Paperwork signed by all parties, ready to return to banking institutions.</p>																				
	<p>Moved: Tenterfield that the Minutes be accepted. Seconded: Inverell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>																				
4.	Correspondence																				
4.1	<p>Inwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Statements Warwick Credit Union & National Australia Bank • Fixed Term Certificate – Warwick Credit Union • Australian Business Register - ABN Registration • Australian Tax Office – Tax File Number Registration 																				
4.2	<p>Outwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Support – Water Mapping Project - Regional Development Australia Darling Downs and South West Inc • Confirmation of BROCC Membership – Paroo Shire Council • Letter of Support – Nilwaste Energy- Modern Manufacturing Initiative Grant Program 																				
	<p>Moved: Goondiwindi that the inwards correspondence be received and noted.</p> <p>Seconded: Southern Downs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>																				
4.3	<p>Matters arising from Correspondence</p> <p>Correspondence noted – no action required.</p>																				
5.	Financial Report as at 23 April 2021																				
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	Interest Paid 0.7%	\$ 19.59
	Reinvested 22 April 2021 @ 0.6%	\$ 11,369.74
	Maturity Date – 22 July 2021	
	Moved: Inverell that the Financial Report be accepted. Seconded: Goondiwindi <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
5.2	Matters arising from Financial Report	
6.	Guest Speakers 10.40 am – Lloyd Taylor, Chief Executive, Granite Belt Water Ltd Brent Finlay, Strategic Advisor, Granite Belt Water Ltd Lloyd Taylor and Brett Finlay gave a presentation on the work being done by Granite Belt Water Ltd. See attached.	
7.	General Business	
7.1	RDANI – Mr Russell Stewart Extended an invitation to attend the Regional infrastructure Gaps survey online. RDA chairs meeting next week – First priority will be water, second priority housing, then medical & education. Currently problems with banking sector not loaning money to certain industries. RDANI has been asked by the State Government for a 5 year workforce development strategy to line up with \$2.5 million in construction funding. Dept Transport & Main Roads Qld - Kym Murphy Kym Murphy provided a Transport and Main Roads update – Kym’s notes are attached. Tenterfield Shire Council - Peter Petty A recent truck fire in the main street of Tenterfield has prompted bypass back on agenda. Australian Rail Track Corporation - Jo Tait More freight on rail – big heavy things to go a long way once the line is built. Happy to continue the conversation. Qld Dept Premier & Cabinet - Katie Williams Regional community forum in Stanthorpe – didn’t go to plan due to Brisbane lockdown. Great dinner, great speakers. Tourism – management committees are mostly volunteers. How do we support the supporters? Housing issues – focussing on how to bring people to regional areas when there is little housing available. These groups very important to hear issues affecting regional areas. Drought Resilience Adoption Innovation hubs – Toowoomba, Stanthorpe, Lismore, Armidale. Suggested BROCC contact a USQ speaker? Brent – Chair Hubs Committee – Regional Planning Program	

	<p>RDA Darling Downs & South West - Trudi Bartlett Digital connectivity – prioritised plan Water – still trying to fund mapping Cross border water forum Jobs fair currently running. Migration program – try to get migrants to move to the region Housing/ childcare – stops people moving to regional areas Skills covered by visa programs Upcoming events – Commodities Forum in July in Dalby – get more on rail ID profile training out to regions 7-10 June Future of Jobs event – July Youth Summit – June Connectivity webinars Host 2022 AUSFAC</p> <p>Dept Local Govt Racing & Multicultural Affairs - Bernadette Plummer Department is offering financial management training to councils.</p> <p>Suggested Speakers for next meeting in Walgett Rob Harrison Drought Resilience Adoption Innovation Hub Ben Lyons – USQ – Director of Rural Economies Centre - Economic opportunities Exclusion Fencing – Mark O’Brien</p> <p>Balonne Shire Council Resolving Cross Border Anomalies and Challenges for Queensland. To be tabled at to next meeting</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Meeting Closed The Meeting closed at 12.08 pm.</p>