

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

ORDINARY MEETING

THURSDAY 26TH APRIL 2018

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Showground/Racecourse Committee

Attached are Minutes of the Meeting of the Warren Shire Showground/Racecourse Committee held on Thursday 19th April 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Showground/Racecourse Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th October 2017 be received and noted.

ITEM 4.1 REGIONAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE SUBMISSION (D3-1.4)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application be submitted as discussed and that adjustments be made after consultation with the Government.

ATTENDANCE:

Present:

Mark Beach	Councillor, Chair
Heather Druce	Councillor
Kevin Noonan	Warren Jockey Club
Ian McKay	Warren Jockey Club
Bec McKay	Secretary - Warren Jockey Club
Phil Waterford	Other Users
David Dwyer	Polocrosse - Alternate
Paul Quigley	Polocrosse - Alternate
Rhiannon Gibson	Warren Pony Club – Alternate
Glenn Wilcox	General Manager
Rolly Lawford	Divisional Manager Engineering Services
Alison Rusk Rowe	Economic Development Officer
Ben Egan	Adult Riding Club

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Vicki Parker, James Cleasby, Eleanor Egan, Barbara Hancock and Councillor Ron Higgins and it was **MOVED** that the apologies be accepted, and a leave of absence be granted for this meeting.

Carried

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2017

MOVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5th October 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting, with amendment of Councillor Mark Beach as Chair.

Carried

ITEM 3 BUSINESS ARISING

- A request was made to provide an updated list of delegates for each group.

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL Minutes of the Showground/Racecourse Committee Meeting held at the Showground/Racecourse, Warren, on Thursday, 5th October 2017 commencing at 5.30 pm

ITEM 4 REGIONAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT SUBMISSION (D3-1.4)

Council's Economic Development Officer, Alison Ruskin Rowe provided a copy of the grant information to user groups to review, including letters of support and relevant quotes for work. A general overview was provided as to the process and details of the budget breakdown.

The committee was advised that the grant application was amended by the State to require a 25% contribution by user groups and this worked out at 105 hours by each volunteer to meet the outcomes.

General discussion on the grant occurred as to the types of works to be undertaken and what should be under the grants.

A letter of support is required from each user group as to supporting volunteer labour and plant and equipment.

MOVED that the application be submitted as discussed and that adjustments be made after consultation with the Government.

Carried

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

- 5th July 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6:10 pm.

ITEM 4NARROMINE MEETING OF ACCEPTED AND POTENTIAL
JOINT ORGANISATION COUNCILS(L5-16.3)

For Council's Consideration.

A summary is provided as to the discussions that occurred at the Meeting called to discuss an Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) Joint Organisation (JO) at Narromine on the 23rd April 2018.

The meeting was attended by Walgett, Bogan, Warrumbungle, Gilgandra, Narromine, Cobar, Mid-Western and Warren. The meeting was by invitation only.

First Speaker:Canberra JO (Draft)

The Mayor and General Manager plus the Executive Officer from Yass Council gave a presentation of the Trial JO undertaken in the Canberra region.

Established to show

- Regional Advocacy
- Intergovernmental collaboration
- Regional Leadership

Benefits are that Government agencies are now coming to discuss issues with the JO, but this has been hard as the State Government needed to change. The State Government is now listening rather than directing.

The JO meets to discuss Regional priorities, rather than local issues and allows a greater access to Ministers e.g. greater input into Regional State Plan and regional transport planning. The JO worked with the Government to extend the consultation time on matters, such as the Regional Transport Plan with Local Government through the JO and come up with outcomes that the region wanted not just the State agency.

The JO will have associate members and MOU's exist with Victorian Councils to deal with cross boundary areas.

The area extends from Wollondilly to the Victorian boarder and includes Bega.

The JO operates on the basis that everyone has a say and they are to not only looking for benefits for their councils but to focus on regional benefits.

The strategic partnership arrangements with Government take a lot of time to manage and build relationships with State agencies. JO Executive Officer time is to manage relationships. Councils must be committed to attend meetings with State agencies to build relationships.

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* What is the difference between the ROC and the JO? The change is that the attitudes of Councillors attending has changed and the General Managers are looking strategically. They act as an advocacy group not as an operational group (Council level). The major difference is to work towards a regional view rather than a local view.

It was advised that the operational matters that OROC do well should be included in the set up of the new JO. The JO should have a regional focus and advocacy role, but it can still operate its procurement and other functions that the ROC does now. Include all functions that it does now, in the constitution.

The Canberra JO was an unsuccessful ROC but due to the change in focus it is operating better as a JO. The Councils are working closer together as the councils focussed on the outcomes of a JO and the State Govt has been more supportive.

The Govt is giving unprecedented access to Ministers since forming a JO. They never had this access as a JO. Also improved funding is occurring. Not all State agencies are available to the JO e.g. health, police, community services, but they are working to seek representatives.

There is no ongoing funding proposed by State Govt. for the JO operational costs.

Discussion occurred across the meeting that funding of the OROC JO is required.

The structure includes GMAC and Working Groups. They do not have any paid staff running the working groups e.g. Lower Macquarie Water Alliance. They can bring in staff as required to deliver programs as and when needed. They have brought all external groups under there working groups.

The staff at councils run the working groups and work together to gain and share knowledge.

OROC has external groups with paid advisors e.g. Lower Macquarie Water Alliance.

The JO does not operate as another tier of Government, but operates on the basis that each council is making a decision to develop regional outcomes. It is based on trust and good will of each Council to develop regional outcomes. Each Council reports back to their individual Councils. To date the agreeance level for regional outcomes is about 75% but improving.

Funding contribution by Councils: - \$7,200 flat fee plus a 70 cent / head of population component (OROC pay flat fee of \$8,700 plus 44 cents per head) and has stayed roughly at the same rate of the ROC.

It was discussed that the ongoing costs of running a JO under legislation will be costly and the fees for the new JO will be much higher without Government ongoing support.

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The new structure will move from 1 person to possibly 2 or more people required to run the JO. Costs will therefore go up. They are trying to keep the JO as lean as possible. No Mayoral siting fees are paid to attend meetings. No funding is provided for this.

The Executive Officer shall be a full-time employee and paid between \$175,000 to \$185,000 annually on contract. They are about to advertise this position.

Adequate funding must be provided by the Councils otherwise the JO will not work. The Executive Officer can initially be funded from the maximum \$300,000 available from the Government to establish a JO.

The Draft JO constitution (Canberra) has an opt out clause after time.

* The Act does allow an opt out clause - confirmed by Office of Local Government. This is done by an application to the Minister who then amends the proclamation to remove a Council. See amended documents issued by OLG.

The Canberra constitution does not specify the regional centre as always being number 1. They rank priorities based around being equal on the regional list and base funding requests on the types of funding. They look strategically across the region as to the needs of the whole region and flow on effects (OROC to look at how to do this regionally).

The Canberra JO developed a Joint Community Strategic Plan to cover the region which feeds up to State and down to Council level. The framework of the strategic plan drives changes in thinking at a State and Federal Government level.

Chris Preston - Office Local Government

State Government relationship - agencies do need to change, as to how they work with Councils and look at working on a regional scale. The JO network allows for legislation to ensure agencies work with Councils.

JOs will be part of the Satewide network, agencies only want to work at regional level and not with 152 councils.

 What is different between the old OROC and the JO? - Councils that have moved to JOs are working regionally as equal partners with all other Councils. They are working more regionally rather than having one larger council who dominates.

JOs can work together collectively to advocate the NSW Government and a forum for JO chairs will be arranged to meet collectively with Government to discuss broader regional and State issues.

Across the State, 90% of Councils have agreed to form a JO. It was discussed that in time all Councils will be in a JO.

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First draft of guidance material supplied for GMs to review. Copy to be provided.

• Opt Out availability - confirmation in the draft material and it is in the Act as to process.

What is Government doing to talk to Councils about joining a JO? The Government does not have a position at this time. Only a Council can resolve not to join at JO as the Government cannot determine this. The State will support Councils to join a JO and will negotiate with any formed JO to allow new members.

As the OROC 5 Councils that agreed to form a JO included all OROC Councils in their resolution, the Minister can include other Councils in an OROC JO.

The chair being elected - the Chair Election will align with electoral cycles after the next LG Election.

A County Council can be an associate member of a JO. No push to move County Councils into operational areas of a JO.

Is a main regional centre required (Dubbo)? Government will proceed with the OROC JO without Dubbo.

What Role does the regional centre have? It was a recommendation of the review panels in the past to support the other councils in a JO.

What is the latest date that a Council can decide to opt in to this JO? They can decide at any time but the OROC JO will be decided on in mid-May. It is too late to be in the first proclamation (5 Councils). The inclusion of additional Councils will be based after the 28 day rescission process is over. It was discussed that Councils such as Warren, Bourke, Walgett and Bogan will review the JO process and revisit the joining of a JO at a future date.

Discussion on the OROC JO establishment

General discussion amongst the group was held as to how to move forward with the formation of a JO. It was important that all OROC Councils had an input into the decisions being made in the formation, the constitution and the operational costs (Budget).

It was recognised that in principle only 5 councils have the power to decide the outcomes at this stage.

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The General Managers need to review the structure of the draft constitution and look at general financial and governance issues e.g. establish ABN, accounts, codes of meeting practice.

Review the Employment of an Executive Office - employed under the interim arrangement.

What happens with OROC after proclamation - meeting to be called in December (Annual General Meeting) and a decision is to be made. JO Councils would potentially not continue with OROC and will not pay into OROC from 1st July 2018.

The next meeting will be a Joint Roc /JO meeting but only 5 councils can vote on the JO issues at this time. All Councils will be invited to be part of the JO discussions so that we are all involved.

A meeting of General Managers was held after the meeting to discuss a way forward. It was expressed that the OROC group of Councils should review the move towards a JO as it was apparent from the OLG that the Government is supportive of JO's and other Councils will operate on their own into the future. It was discussed that finance and governance areas will be key outcomes for General Manager's to work towards and that it would be an advantage to have the support of the five existing JO Councils and the Councils such as and Warren that have to make a call.

This information has been provided as part of the on-going review by Council into the joining of a Joint Organisation.