



**Minutes Centroc Board Meeting
10 August 2017
Parliament House Canberra**



Cr G Hanger	Bathurst Regional Council	Mr G Faulkner	Lithgow City Council
Mr D Sherley	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr K Sajowitz	Oberon Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council
Ms R Ryan	Blayney Shire Council	Mr G Styles	Orange City Council
Cr I Gosper	Cabonne Council	Cr K Keith	Parkes Shire Council
Mr S Harding	Cabonne Council	Mr K Boyd	Parkes Shire Council
Cr D Somerville	Central Tablelands Water	Cr B McCormack	Upper Lachlan Shire
Mr G Rhodes	Central Tablelands Water	Mr J Bell	Upper Lachlan Shire
Cr B West	Cowra Council	Cr M Liebich	Weddin Shire Council
Mr P Devery	Cowra Council	Mr G Carroll	Weddin Shire Council
Cr G Miller	Forbes Shire Council	Ms J Andrews	RDACW
Mr D Green	Forbes Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	Centroc
Ms W Tuckerman	Hilltops Council	Ms M Macpherson	Centroc
Mr A McMahon	Hilltops Council	Ms A Thomas	Centroc
Cr J Medcalf	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms V Page	Centroc
Mr R Hunt	Lachlan Shire Council		

Minutes of the Board Meeting 10 August 2017 held at Parliament House

Board Delegates in bold

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened at 8.55am by Chair **Cr J Medcalf** for the 4th Centroc Board meeting in Parliament House, Canberra

2. Apologies

Cr J Davis, Cr S Lesslie, Mr A Albury, Mr Reg Kidd

Resolved	Cr G Miller/Cr K Keith
That the apologies for the Centroc Board meeting 10 August 2017 listed above be accepted.	

Meeting adjourned to hear Federal Ministers response to Centroc Priorities. Notes from this session are provided separately.

3. Ministers that addressed the Board

The Hon Michael McCormack, Member for Riverina
Minister for Small Business

The Hon Ken Wyatt, Member for Hasluck
Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health

The Hon Darren Chester, Member for Gippsland
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

The Hon Simon Birmingham, Senator for SA
Minister for Education and Training

**The Hon Josh Frydenberg, Member for Kooyong
Minister for the Environment and Energy**

**Mark Coulton, Member for Parkes
11.15am Mr Robert Hunt left room, returned 12.00pm**

**The Hon Fiona Nash, Senator for NSW, Deputy Leader of The Nationals, Minister for
Regional Development, Minister for Regional Communications and Minister for Local
Government and Territories**

Andrew Gee, Member for Calare

**The Hon Dr David Gillespie, Member for Lyne
Assistant Minister for Health**

**The Hon Greg Hunt, Member for Flinders
Minister for Sport and Minister for Health
12.21pm Mr Danny Green departed the room**

**The Hon Angus Taylor, Member for Hume
Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation**

**The Hon Barnaby Joyce, Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.**

The meeting Normal Business began at 1.40pm

**The Chair recognised Cr Ian Gosper and Cr John Davis for their contribution to the Centroc Board
and wishes them well for the future.**

**The Chair congratulated members Parkes and Upper Lachlan for their recent RH Dougherty LGNSW
awards:**

**Parkes for Excellence in Communication award in Division A - Population less than 30,000 for
corporate website and social media channel development.**

**Upper Lachlan as Winner in the category of Reporting to Your Community, Division A (population
of less than 30,000).**

4. Minutes

4a Noting of the Minutes of the GMAC Meeting 27 July 2017

Resolved	Mr K Boyd/Mr G Carroll
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That the Minutes of the Centroc GMAC Meeting 27 July 2017 held in Orange be noted.	
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4b Confirmation of the Minutes of the Board Meeting 25 May 2017 Parliament House Sydney

Resolved	Mr J Bell/Mr D Sherley
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That the Minutes of the Centroc Board Meeting 25 May 2017 held at Parliament House Sydney be confirmed.	
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4c Noting of the Centroc Executive meeting 27 July 2017 at Orange

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Mr D Sherley
That the Minutes of the Centroc Executive meeting 27 July 2017 at Orange be noted.	

5a. Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress

Resolved	Mr D Sherley/Mr K Boyd
That the Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested and note that the CEEP 2 monies be reserved for progressing initiatives in the energy sector with advice at quarterly review.	

6 Correspondence

6a Correspondence In

Resolved	Mr D Sherley/Mr J Bell
That the Board note the incoming correspondence.	

8b Correspondence Out

Resolved	Mr D Sherley/Cr K Keith
That the Board note the outgoing correspondence.	

7 Reports

7a Transport Infrastructure including Bells Line of Road

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr G Miller
That the Board note the Transport Infrastructure Report; and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Call a meeting for interested Centroc Mayors to progress Bells Line Expressway as soon as possible; and2. Send a letter of thanks to Mr Ian Armstrong.	

2.00pm Upper Lachlan Shire Council departed the room

7b Water Infrastructure Report

Resolved	Cr D Somerville/Mr K Boyd
That the Board note the Water Infrastructure report and:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Endorse the response to Questions on Notice from the Public Hearing of the General Purpose Standing Committee No.5 Inquiring into Augmentation of Water Storages made under the hand of the Chair;2. Commend to members the regional procurement of a third party to run the National Asset Management Assessment Framework (NAMAF) across Centroc member Councils inclusive of all asset classes to improve asset management practices at an estimated cost of up to \$25K per Council;3. Provide representation to a meeting with Lachlan Valley Water to discuss options to achieve mutually beneficial results for communities in the Lachlan catchment;4. Meet with the State Minister regarding the imminent deadline of Cranky Rock proposal; and5. Develop a regional water security project for funding.	

7c Health Report

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/ Mr G Carroll
That the Board note the Health report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. review the Health Advocacy Plan in line with advice from the Charles Sturt University commissioned reports "PPB MDMS Economic Impact Report" and "MDMS Clinical Placement Assessment";	

2. the Executive investigate the alternative model for the Murray Darling Medical School as suggested by the Minister for Health;
3. invite the Chancellor of CSU to provide an update on health workforce training; and
4. reiterates its support the Murray Darling Medical School

7d Regional Development

Resolved

Cr B West/Mr G Styles

That the Board note the Regional Development report and;

1. Delete from the Management Plan for this year the item 1c Advocacy Support CNSWT through the change period as Destination Networks are implemented;
2. Seek advice from the Department of Premier and Cabinet on opportunities in Central NSW for campuses for the Country University;
3. Endorse the submission to the Inquiry into Regional Development and a Global Sydney;
4. Through the Chair write to the Department of Premier and Cabinet seeking to ensure that RDA Central West is included in the Regional Leadership Executive Subcommittee for Economic Development for the Central West;
5. Seek feedback from the Department of Premier and Cabinet on the purpose and optimisation of the Economic Development Plans based on “Functional Economic Regions” rolling out across Central NSW; and
6. Review intergovernmental collaboration with a view to watching briefs where there is no traction.

7e Planning Report

Resolved

Mr G Styles/Cr B West

That the Board note the Planning Report and

1. Write to members thanking them for their support of the Regional Plan noting their efforts have resulted in a significant number of priority actions occurring in this region;
2. Ramp up advocacy in support of the Inland Code SEPP;
3. Advocate to have funding provided from the Planning Reform Fund for members Councils to progress the strategic work required to inform the development process;
4. The progression of the OEH funded Biodiversity Reforms Support Program be supported in principle subject to the contract being satisfactorily developed and this be under the auspices of the Sponsoring General Managers;
5. A report be received by the next Executive meeting progressing advice for the Board on the option of a regional body politic under the Local Government Act;
6. Review intergovernmental collaboration with a view to watching briefs where there is no traction; and
7. Support the preferences of members regarding “Functional Economic Regions” including that they fall into planning regions and include RDACW as stakeholders in the Regional Economic Development Plans under development through the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

7f Tourism Report

Resolved

Mr G Styles/Cr B West

That the Board note the Tourism Report and

1. Endorse Ms R Ryan as Sponsoring General Manager for Tourism;
2. Encourage attendance at the next meeting for tourism to be held in Cowra 6 September;
3. Note that a report will go to the Executive regarding engagement going forward with Destination Country and Outback including intentions regarding CNSWT intellectual property;
4. Seek advice on processes going forward to ensure engagement with this region in light of the decision on headquarters’ location;

5. Note that it is requested that the Chair or Nominee become a delegate to the Destination Network Outback and Country Board; and
6. Ask the Member for Calare Mr Andrew Gee if there is support the region can provide regarding tourism data for the link between Mudgee and Orange at Dixon's Long Point.

7g Operational Report

Resolved

Mr R Hunt/Cr K Keith

That the Board note the Operational Report and

1. Encourage members to give consideration to signing up to the Cities Power Partnership;
2. adopt the Southern Lights High Level Business Case;
3. develop policy on options for the ownership of luminaires for streetlights;
4. develop more detailed advice on a pathway for a rollout of LED Luminaires with smart controls across southern NSW;
5. negotiate with Essential Energy to
 - a. delay bulk rollout lamp replacement where possible; and
 - b. optimise the rollout LED luminaires with smart controls;
6. meet with Ministers and key representatives of OEH and other agencies to progress this initiative;
7. thank Cr Gander of Orange City Council for his assistance in advocating for the Southern Lights Project
8. receive advice on the management of bulk rollouts;
9. commend to members they write to Essential Energy with a view to enable ESCs for spot replacements of street lights;
10. commend to members they use a proforma letter developed by Centroc staff with a review of terms and conditions and providing advice as suggested in the body of the report to the Essential Energy letter dated 8 June on LED pricing.
11. progress to Request for Proposal for Phases 2 and 3 of the mid-scale solar implementation roadmap, a comprehensive solar options analysis and a preliminary site preparation assessment for all interested Councils
12. systematically identify the sites suitable for solar installation, and the maximum capacity which may be installed at each potentially through economy of scope with other Centroc energy programming. This work to include:
 - a. For each of these generation sites compile the onsite consumption in order to assess the proportion of output which would be used behind the meter, to inform the business case;
 - b. Identifying the capacity of solar that can be installed for behind the meter consumption, the additional capacity if the maximum capacity was installed at each site, and therefore the generation available for Local Electricity Trading ('netting off') from each site and in total;
 - c. Determining a phased program of installation per year, which would suit Councils' program of works and other objectives;
 - d. Including requirements in the request for electricity supply to allow for the phased installation of solar on both small and large sites, including the requirement to net off as relevant. (draft contract wording included in Appendices 1 and 2) noting that further work may be done regarding retailers that may need the exact system size proposed for each site before they will provide a proposed Feed in Tariff cost structure;
 - e. include the tendering for a joint purchase of solar PV in order to reduce cost;
13. investigate the option of purchase from solar farms via PPAs, including the option of a large regional purchase with other Centroc councils. Essential Energy should be included in these discussions. This could also include work with South Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils;
14. support progressing power of choice metering with members Councils;
15. maintain a watching brief on interest in progressing a community solar and battery storage project;

- 16. maintain a watching brief on storage as a service; and
- 17. approve contribution of up to \$12k to engage Next Energy to complete a detailed business case for the Southern Lights Project, in collaboration with REROC, RAMROC and CBRJO; and
- 18. develop Advocacy Policy for Energy.

7i Financial report

Resolved	Mr D Sherley/Mr R Hunt
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| <p>That the Board note the Financial Report and;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. gives permission for the audited accounts to be signed under the auspices of the Treasurer if the final result after the audit does not differ greatly from figures presented in this report; and 2. note the 2017/2018 budget. | |
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8. Late Reports - Nil

9. Other Matters

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Resolved	Cr M Liebich/Cr G Miller
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That the Board deputise Cr B West acting in the Chair in the absence of Cr J Medcalf for the next month.	
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Resolved	Cr Ken Keith/Cr B West
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That the Board thank Michael McCormack for his support hosting the Centroc Board at Parliament House.	
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Resolved	Cr Ken Keith/Cr B West
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That the Board congratulate Ms Julia Andrews on her appointment as Executive Officer of Regional Development Australia Central West	
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10. Speakers to the next meeting

- Board - Andrew Harvey, PHN
- Board - Statewide Chair, Bill Warne and Chief Executive of JLT, Leo Demer
- GMAC – ICAC Yvonne Miles, Principal Officer, Corruption Prevention
- GMAC – Privacy Commissioner
- GMAC – State Cover
- GMAC - Representative of EMS (Energy Management Services)

11. Next Meetings

- Board – 23 November – Hilltops
- Executive – 26 October – Orange
- GMAC – 26 October - Orange

The General Meeting of the Board closed at 3.05pm

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