

# Minutes for the MNCJO BOARD MEETING

**Date:** 10 June 2022

Location: Kempsey Shire Council

**Time:** 9:30 AM









#### 1 **ATTENDANCE**

## **Voting Members:**

Mayor Leo Hauville, Mayor Kempsey Shire Council

Mayor Steve Allan, Bellingen Shire Council

Mayor Peta Pinson, Port Macquarie Hastings Council

Non-Voting Members:

Liz Jeremy, General Manager, Bellingen Shire Council and MNCJO Executive Officer, Craig Milburn, General Manager, Kempsey Shire Council Dr Clare Allen, Chief Executive Officer Port Macquarie Hastings Council

Liz Fairweather, MNCJO Project Manager

#### In Attendance:

Jodie Healy, Council Engagement Manager Office of Local Government Louise McMeeking, Director North Coast Regional Development Michael Thurston, General Manager Destination North Coast Kerry Grace, Director Regional Development Australia (RDA) Mid North Coast Norfolk Island

Kieren Dell, Chair RDA Mid North Coast Board.

#### 2 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Kempsey Shire Council acknowledges the various people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and learn. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging

#### 3 **APOLOGIES**

Nil

#### 4 **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST** Nil

#### 5 **MINUTES**

Item 5.1

Subject MINUTES - MNCJO BOARD - 18 March 2022

Presented by Liz Jeremy - Executive Officer

Amendment Item 13.4 – Steve Allan elected as deputy to be included

That the MNCJO Board approve the minutes, including the amendment, from 18 March 2022

Resolved: Allan/Hauville

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL



#### **6 BUSINESS ARISING**

NIL

# 7 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MANAGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Item 7.1

Subject MINUTES - MNCJO GMAC - 1 June 2022

Presented by Liz Jeremy - Executive Officer

That the MNCJO Board receive and note the attached minutes from 1 June 2022.

Resolved: Allan/Pinson

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

#### 8 CORRESPONDENCE

Item 8.1

Subject Correspondence Register

Presented by Liz Fairweather - Project Manager

That the MNCJO Board received the register of correspondence.

Resolved: Pinson/Allen

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

### 9 MNCJO PROJECT UPDATES

Item 9.1

Subject Simtable for Community Empowerment Project

Presented by Liz Jeremy - Executive Officer

That MNCJO Board note and receive this report

Resolved: Allan/Hauville

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

#### 10 SPEAKERS

Ally Dench – Office Local Government

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Provided overview of OLGs role in State Government and support provided for councils.

#### 11 OTHER JO FORUMS

Item 11.1

Subject JO Chairs - Meeting update Presented by Liz Jeremy - Executive Officer

That MNCJO Board note and receive the attached minutes from the JO Chairs on the 28 March 2022.

Resolved: Allan/Pinson

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

#### 12 STANDING UPDATES

Item 12.1

Subject Office of Local Government - Jody Healy Presented by Jody Healy

Ally Dench provided the update in her presentation (Item 10)

That the MNCJO Board receive the verbal update from OLG

Resolved: Allan/Pinson

CARRIED: 3/0
AGAINST: NIL

Item 12.2

Subject Regional NSW - Louise McMeeking Presented by Louise McMeeking

- Currently planning across Dept.
- Key Focus is regional liveability, economic development and jobs growth, for example, housing, workforce development and economic strategies.
- Regional Growth Funds update on projects within member councils.
- NSW Budget 21 June.
- Reviewing existing projects for cost override.
- Need to know councils' priorities so future funding and programs can meet these. Regional Economic Development Strategies – consultation with

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councils' mid-July to discuss REDS and priorities for functional economic regions.

Resolved: Hauville/Allan

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

Item 12.3

Subject Destination North Coast - Michael Thurston Presented by Michael Thurston

Draft Destination Management Plan – engagement over the last month Nature-based, sustainable development at forefront.

Publishing in July. If you would like infrastructure projects included, send to DNC.

Aboriginal engagement program – 9 businesses Business development program – 92 businesses

Market conditions – softening. Vacancies approaching 'normal'.

That the MNCJO Board receive a verbal update from Destination North Coast

Resolved: Pinson/Allan

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

Item 12.4

Subject Regional Development Australia - Kerry Grace Presented by Kerry Grace

Housing film will be launched 25 August in Port Macquarie. Utilisation of spare bedrooms. There are 66,000 vacant rooms across north coast.

Discussion around capacity for pensioners to meet needs in workforce gap and rental of rooms etc.

North Coast Regional Plan – Propose to present to councils.

Circular Economy – Project Officer undertaking research and making useful connections.

Skilled Migration program – 494 visa support.

That MNCJO Board note and receive this report and verbal update.

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Resolved: Pinson/Allan

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

Cr Hauville returned to the meeting 11:30am

#### 13 REPORTS FOR THIS MEETING

Item 13.1

Subject Statement of Revenue Policy 2022 - Mid North Coast Joint

Organisation

Presented by Liz Fairweather - Project Manager

That MNCJO Board note and receive this report

Resolved: Allan/Hauville

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

Item 13.2

Subject Climate Risk Ready Course - 2021 - Lucy Menzies BSC Presented by Lucy Menzies, Manager Sustainable Environment and Waste

That MNCJO Board receive and note the report from Lucy Menzies - Sustainability Manager - Bellingen Shire Council

Resolved: Allan/Hauville

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

Item 13.3

Subject Statement of Strategic Priorities (activities to be progressed)
Presented by Liz Fairweather - Project Manager

That MNCJO Board note and receive this report

Resolved: Allan/Hauville

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

Item 13.4

Subject Representation to Coffs Harbour City Council and Nambucca Shire Council to join the MNCJO

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Presented by Liz Fairweather - Project Manager

That MNCJO Board:

- 1. Note the actions to date.
- 2. Endorse arrangements for engagement with Nambucca Valley council and Coffs Harbour City Council

Resolved: Pinson/Allan

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

Item 13.5

Subject Satellite Telephone Management Strategy

Presented by Liz Fairweather

That MNCJO Board note and receive this report and endorse the management strategy for use of Satellite Telephones as outlined in this report.

Resolved: Allan/Pinson

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

#### 14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 14 .1 Mid Waste Forum

Discussion regarding the future of Mid Waste

Verbal update from Liz Jeremy

Craig Milburn left the meeting at 11:50am. Stated he is supportive of Mid Waste becoming part of the MNCJO.

That the MNCJO Board note the verbal report from Liz Jeremy and agrees to auspice Mid Waste.

Resolved: Allan/Pinson

CARRIED: 3/0 AGAINST: NIL

The meeting closed at 12:12pm