

Mid North Coast
Joint Organisation

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Minutes for the MNJCO Meeting

Date: 12 August 2024
Location: Kempsey Shire Council
Time: 10:00 AM





1 ATTENDANCE

Voting Members:

Mayor Peta Pinson, Port Macquarie Hastings Council - Chair

Mayor Steve Allan, Bellingen Shire Council – Deputy Chair

Mayor Leo Hauville, Mayor Kempsey Shire Council,

Non-Voting Members:

Mark Griffioen, General Manager, Bellingen Shire Council

Craig Milburn, General Manager, Kempsey Shire Council

Dr Clare Allen, Chief Executive Officer, Port Macquarie Hastings Council

Elizabeth Fairweather, Executive Officer, MNCJO

Shaun O’Sullivan Director North Coast, Premier’s Department

Delegate: Cass Wilson, Associate Director North Coast, Premier’s Department

In attendance

Anita Gambhir, Office of Local Government

Madeleine Lawler, CEO, Regional Development Australia (MNC)

Michael Thurston, General Manager, Destination North Coast

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mid North Coast Joint Organisation acknowledges the various peoples 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

Craig Milburn – not present for commencement

4 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

5 SPEAKERS - NIL

6 MINUTES - MNCJO BOARD

Item	6.1
Subject	MNCJO BOARD MINUTES - 24 May 2024
Presented by	Chair



That the MNCJO Board Minutes - 24 May 2024 be adopted.

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

7 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

8 MNCJO PROJECT UPDATES

Item 8.1

Subject JONZA - Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration Program

Presented by Liz Fairweather, Executive Officer - Mid North Coast Joint Organisation

That the MNCJO Board note the update provided on the Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration Program.

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Item 8.2

Subject Disaster Risk Reduction Project – Final Project Report

Presented by Liz Fairweather, Executive Officer - Mid North Coast Joint Organisation

That the Board receive and note the final report attached of the Disaster Risk Reduction project.

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

9 STANDING UPDATES

Item 9.1

Subject Premiers Department - Cass Wilson

Presented by Cass Wilson

The MNCJO Board receive and note the update attached from the Premiers Department

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Item 9.2

Subject Destination North Coast - Michael Thurston

Presented by Michael Thurston

At its meeting held 24 May, the Board requested an update on insights on restrictions on short term rental accommodation in Byron Bay and the effectiveness on Policy on longer term rental accommodation.



The Board received a presentation from Michael regarding this. A copy of the presentation regarding this is attached.

The MNCJO Board receive and note the update attached from Destination North Coast

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Item **9.3**
Subject **Regional Development Australia MNC**
Presented by **Madeliene Lawler**

The MNCJO Board receive and note the attached report from Regional Development Australia

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Item **9.4**
Subject **Office Local Government – Anita Gambhir**
Presented by **Anita Gambhir**

LG Elections

- Resources available on OLG's website for candidates – YouTube videos, Guides for prospective candidates who are women, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people, people from culturally and linguistic diverse communities, people with disability and young people.
- Hit the Ground Running webinars from 17 October 2024 – Feb 2025.
- More resources like Clr handbook & 3 months after election will be available soon.

Funding for Apprentices and Trainees

- The NSW Govt is investing over \$252m to employ additional 1300 apprentices, trainees and cadets in the LG sector.
- These will be new roles created by councils above their current workforce numbers.
- The new roles to focus on in-demand trades including electricians, plumbers, engineers, civil construction workers, mechanics, planning cadets and others
- Guidelines are being currently developed for councils
- The first batch of apprentices and trainees is expected to start their new careers early next year.

Self-assessment Checklist

- The OLG has developed and released a self-assessment checklist for councils.
- This Check List is optional and is provided as a tool to assist councils.
- The Check List has the functionality of creating a Risk Register by selecting the responses that may have associated risk.



- It is anticipated that the reporting and improvement measures in the Risk Register will be monitored by councils' ARICs.

Checklist is available on OLG's website: - - [Self Assessment Checklist - Office of Local Government NSW](#)

Anti-slavery reporting

Guidance on Reasonable Steps to Manage Modern Slavery Risks in Operations and Supply-Chains took effect from 1 January 2024.

Since then, the Commissioner has extensively consulted covered entities. Based on these discussions, the Commissioner has decided to:

1. Develop a Shared Implementation Plan with and for NSW Government agencies by June 2025
2. Postpone detailed transactional reporting for Heightened Modern Slavery Due Diligence procurements to an indicative date of 1 July 2025, and
3. Publish additional GRS Resources in 2024-25

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has issued Guidance for councillors on corruption risks associated with overseas travel.

ICAC's Operation Galley demonstrated that overseas travel poses corruption risks for councillors.

ICAC's Guidance has been adopted by the Office of Local Government as a guideline under section 23A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

Councils are required to consider ICAC's Guidance when exercising their functions.

IPR Peer Review feedback

OLG will provide individual and sector feedback. At this stage it is planned for Sept.

Ministers Awards for Women in Local Government

- Panel met on 26 June. All winners and nominees have been informed about the outcome.
- Award ceremony on 20 August

The MNCJO Board received a verbal update from the Office Local Government.

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

10 REPORTS FOR THIS MEETING

Item **10.1**

Subject **End of Term Report**

Presented by **Liz Fairweather, Executive Officer - Mid North Coast Joint Organisation**

That the Board receive the MNCJO End Of Term Report 2021-2024.



Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Item 10.2

Subject Statement of Revenue Policy

Presented by Liz Fairweather, Executive Officer - Mid North Coast Joint Organisation

That the Board adopt the Statement of Revenue Policy 2024/25 Financial Year and place on public exhibition for a 28-day period.

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Item 10.3

Subject JONZA Round 2

Presented by Liz Fairweather, Executive Officer - Mid North Coast Joint Organisation

That the Board:

1. Ratify the Flying Minute distributed on 18 June to accept funding of \$161,200 from Department Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for delivery of the Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration program Round 2, and
2. Accept a further \$32,000 for delivery of the Electric Vehicle program

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Item 10.4

Subject Caretaker Delegations

Presented by Liz Fairweather, Executive Officer - Mid North Coast Joint Organisation

That the Board authorise the MNCJO Executive Officer to address the functions of Chair from the commencement of the Caretaker on 16 August 2024 until the new Board meets and formally elects a Chair.

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

11 CONFIDENTIAL

That the Board move into confidential committee of the whole to deal with confidential reports

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Item 11.1

Subject Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes

Presented by Liz Fairweather, Executive Officer - Mid North Coast Joint Organisation

That the Board receive the MNCJO Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes of 24 July 2024.



Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Item 11.2

Subject Risk Register

Presented by Liz Fairweather, Executive Officer - Mid North Coast Joint Organisation

That the Board note and receive the MNCJO Risk Register.

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Item 11.3

Subject MNCJO Executive Officer

Presented by Cr Allan Deputy Chair

That the Board extend the current contract of employment to Elizabeth Fairweather's contract from 20 January 2025 to 20 January 2026.

Resolved: Cr Pinson/Cr Hauville/Cr Allan

Meeting closed 11:50am

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Short-Term Rental Accommodation LGA Review



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Current State of Play - State

New South Wales

- 2020: Implemented regulatory framework for STRA, including mandatory Code of Conduct and premises register.
- September 2023: Began review of short stay levy and broader industry reforms. Review involves multiple ministers, to be completed by mid-2024.
- October 2023: Local Government NSW Conference prioritized STRA review; City of Sydney supported a 90-day cap on STRA properties.
- Currently NSW LGA's have the option to implement 180 day cap or further reviews.



Current State of Play – Byron Shire

Following the Independent Planning Commission Review and Urbis report the following rules were implemented for Byron Shire;

- 60-day non-hosted STRA cap for the entire Byron Shire LGA, with the exception of two 365-day mapped precincts in and around the Byron Bay Town Centre and at Brunswick Heads– comes into effect 23 Sep 24 (12-month notice)
- At time of cap Byron Shire Council had 1,292 non-hosted registered STRA properties (8.49% of private dwellings). AirDNA indicates that total active listings are down by 9%
- Byron's hotel occupancy performance in May and June (always the two quietest months of the year) sat around 48% and 43% - very similar levels to last year and pre-covid (50% and 45%). July was around 50% vs. 51% last year, and 65% pre-covid.



Current State of Play - LGA

In some NSW local government areas (LGAs), there are limits on the number of days that a dwelling can be used for non-hosted STRA. Non-hosted STRA is restricted to a maximum of 180 days per 365-day annual period in the following areas:

- the Greater Sydney region (not including the Central Coast)
- the Ballina area
- Clarence Valley area – Most coastal communities, Yamba and Iluka CBD's excluded
- Muswellbrook area – Applies to most urban areas