



RIVERINA AND MURRAY JOINT ORGANISATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

The Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) Board meeting was held on Wednesday 14 October 2020 on the secure online platform Zoom.

MEMBER COUNCILS

- Albury City Council
- Berrigan Shire Council
- Carrathool Shire Council
- Edward River Council
- Federation Council
- Griffith City Council
- Hay Shire Council
- Leeton Shire Council
- Murray River Council
- Murrumbidgee Council
- Narrandera Shire

VOTING BOARD MEMBERS

- CHAIR: Cr Kevin Mack (Albury)
- Cr Matthew Hannan (Berrigan)
- Cr Darryl Jardine (Carrathool)
- Cr Norm Brennan (Edward River)
- Cr Patrick Bourke (Federation)
- Cr John Dal Broi (Griffith)
- Cr Jenny Dwyer (Hay)
- Cr Paul Maytom (Leeton)
- Cr Chris Bilkey (Murray River)
- Cr Ruth McCrae (Murrumbidgee)
- Cr Neville Kschenka (Narrandera)

NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS

- Frank Zaknich (Albury)
- Rowan Perkins (Berrigan)
- Rick Warren (Carrathool)
- Philip Stone (Edward River)
- Adrian Butler (Federation)
- Brett Stonestreet (Griffith)
- David Webb (Hay)
- Jackie Kruger (Leeton)
- Des Bilske (Murray River)
- John Scarce (Murrumbidgee)
- George Cowan (Narrandera)

NSW STATE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES (NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS)

- James Bolton - Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (Department of Regional NSW)
- Cameron Templeton - Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (Office of Local Government)

RAMJO STAFF (NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS)

- Bridgett Leopold – Executive Officer
- Bridget De La Haye – Office Manager

RAMJO BOARD MEETING AGENDA

ITEM	TOPIC	TIME
1	Chair Welcome and Acknowledgement of First Nations	10:00
2	Apologies	10:00
3	Murray Regional Tourism Board Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resignation of Des Bilske • Appointment of new RAMJO representative 	10:00
4	CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: FWJO – RAMJO Collaboration	10:10
5	OTHER BUSINESS	10:30
	Meeting Close	11:00

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AGENDA ITEM 1 – WELCOME

The Chairperson Kevin Mack welcomed the Board Members to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the lands.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APOLOGIES

- Cr. Matt Hannan – Mayor Berrigan Shire Council
- Rowan Perkins – General Manager Berrigan Shire Council
- Jackie Kruger – General Manager Leeton Shire Council
- James Bolton – Regional NSW Representative
- Cameron Templeton – Office of Local Government Representative
- Bridget De La Haye – RAMJO Office Manager

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted and that leave of absence be granted.

Moved by Cr Norm Brennan (Edward River), seconded by Cr Chris Bilkey (Murray River).

AGENDA ITEM 3 – MURRAY REGIONAL TOURISM BOARD (MRTB) – RAMJO REPRESENTATIVE

On the 13th May 2020, the RAMJO Board appointed Mr Des Bilske, General Manager of Murray River Council as our representative on the Murray River Tourism Board. Recently, Des resigned due to personal commitments. Traditionally this role has been a General Manager, CEO or Director from a member council; however in recent discussions between RAMJO Chair Kevin Mack and the Chair of MRTB, Wendy Greiner, it was agreed that an elected representative's voice would add value to board membership. With the recent border closures, this has further highlighted the importance of a political voice to garner financial support from both states, which will be pivotal to their short-term success. To this end, the RAMJO Chair, Kevin Mack has offered his services for the next 12 months to ensure that our regions' tourism needs, are met by the respective state funding bodies.

RESOLVED: That the RAMJO Board appoint Mayor Kevin Mack as their representative on the Murray River Tourism Board for the period ending September 2nd, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – FWJO – RAMJO COLLABORATION

The meeting moved into a confidential item.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and the Board is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

RESOLVED: That Board resolved that RAMJO negotiate an interim 12-month Service Agreement to deliver a shared resourcing model via cost recovery with the Far (South) West Joint Organisation.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VARIATION OF OFFICE MANAGER CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT TERMS

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and the Board is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

RESOLVED: That Board endorsed the variation of the Office Manager role to permanent, conditional to appropriate process via advice from LGNSW.