



## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Held at 12:00pm  
13 February 2018**

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Councillors:**

Cr M Pearce (Mayor)  
Cr I Strutt (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr B Crouch  
Cr M Dusting  
Cr N Ledger  
Cr L Sampson  
Cr R Bell  
Cr T Toomey  
Cr K Ward

#### **Staff:**

Mr A Hopkins, General Manager  
Mr T Seymour, Director Infrastructure & Regulation  
Ms T Kirkland, Director Community & Governance  
Mr S Paul, Chief Financial Officer  
Minute Clerk

**MINUTES**

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*The Meeting Commenced at: 12:00pm*

**ATTENDANCE**

Present were the Chairperson Cr M Pearce (Mayor), Cr I Strutt (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors, B Crouch, M Dusting, N Ledger, L Sampson, T Toomey, R Bell, K Ward, General Manager (Mr A Hopkins), Director Infrastructure and Regulation (Mr T Seymour), Director Community and Governance (Ms P Kirkland), Community Development and Tourism Coordinator (Ms K Hastings), Minute Clerk.

**1. OPENING & WELCOME**

**2. PRAYER**

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY**

**4. APOLOGIES**

*The Chair advised there were no apologies received.*

**5. DISCLOSURES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

*There were no disclosures or declarations made.*

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs K Ward / T Toomey)**

**To include Dr Jan Karp as a speaker in Item 6 "Presentations".**

That;

Dr Jan Karp be permitted to address council.

**X1.02/18 CARRIED**

<i>Presentation 1:</i>	<i>Dr Jan Karp</i>
<i>Subject:</i>	<i>Report 1: Joint Organisations</i>

*The Speaker made a presentation to Council in relation to the Joint Organisations.*

*The Chair invited questions from Councillors.*

*The Chair thanked the Speaker for her presentation to Council.*

**7. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

Department: **General Manager's Office**

Submitted by: *Andrew Hopkins*

Reference/Subject: **Report # 1 - Joint Organisation Nomination**

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That;

**Option One – New England**

***In accordance with Part 7 of Chapter 12 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Act), the Uralla Shire Council resolves:***

- 1. That the council inform the Minister for Local Government (Minister) of the Council's endorsement of the Minister recommending to the Governor the establishment of a Joint Organisation (Joint Organisation) in accordance with this resolution.***
- 2. To approve the inclusion of the Council's area in the Joint Organisation's area.***
- 3. That the Joint Organisation be established to cover the Council's area and any one or more of the following council areas:***
  - a. Armidale Regional.***
  - b. Inverell Shire.***
  - c. Glen Innes Severn Shire.***
  - d. Tenterfield Shire. And***

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- e. *Moree Shire.*
4. *That before 28 February 2018, the General Manager provide the Minister with a copy of this resolution including the date on which Council made this resolution.*
  5. *That, on the expiry of a period of 28 days from the making of this resolution, the General Manager inform the Minister that this resolution has not been rescinded.*
  6. *That Council's preferred name for the proposed Joint Organisation is the "New England Joint Organisation".*
  7. *That Council requests the State Government to provide ongoing financial support towards the operational costs of Joint Organisations, as the Government has established this governance mechanism to better facilitate consultation and coordination between State Agencies and Local Government into the future.*

**Option Two - NAMOI**

*In accordance with Part 7 of Chapter 12 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Act), the Uralla Shire Council resolves:*

1. *That the council inform the Minister for Local Government (Minister) of the Council's endorsement of the Minister recommending to the Governor the establishment of a Joint Organisation (Joint Organisation) in accordance with this resolution.*
2. *To approve the inclusion of the Council's area in the Joint Organisation's area.*
3. *That the Joint Organisation be established to cover the Council's area and any one or more of the following council areas:*
  - a. *Tamworth Regional.*
  - b. *Walcha Shire.*
  - c. *Liverpool Plains Shire.*
  - d. *Narrabri Shire.*
  - e. *Gwydir Shire. And*
  - f. *Gunnedah Shire.*
4. *That before 28 February 2018, the General Manager provide the Minister with a copy of this resolution including the date on which Council made this resolution.*
5. *That, on the expiry of a period of 28 days from the making of this resolution, the General Manager inform the Minister that this resolution has not been rescinded.*
6. *That Council's preferred name for the proposed Joint Organisation is "NAMOI Unlimited".*
7. *That Council requests the State Government to provide ongoing financial support towards the operational costs of Joint Organisations, as the Government has established this governance mechanism to better facilitate consultation and coordination between State Agencies and Local Government into the future.*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs K Ward / I Strutt)**  
**To move to Committee of the Whole**

**X2.02/18 CARRIED**

*Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the two Joint Organisation options*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs K Ward / I Strutt )**  
**To resume Standing Orders**

**X3.02/18 CARRIED**

*Cr Bell left the meeting at 12.45pm*  
*Cr Bell returned to the meeting at 12.50pm.*

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**MOTION (Crs B Crouch /K Ward )**

That;  
Council resolve to adopt Option One – New England

In accordance with Part 7 of Chapter 12 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Act), the Uralla Shire Council resolves:

1. That the council inform the Minister for Local Government (Minister) of the Council's endorsement of the Minister recommending to the Governor the establishment of a Joint Organisation (Joint Organisation) in accordance with this resolution.
2. To approve the inclusion of the Council's area in the Joint Organisation's area.
3. That the Joint Organisation be established to cover the Council's area and any one or more of the following council areas:
  - a. Armidale Regional.
  - b. Inverell Shire.
  - c. Glen Innes Severn Shire.
  - d. Tenterfield Shire. And
  - e. Moree Shire.
4. That before 28 February 2018, the General Manager provide the Minister with a copy of this resolution including the date on which Council made this resolution.
5. That, on the expiry of a period of 28 days from the making of this resolution, the General Manager inform the Minister that this resolution has not been rescinded.
6. That Council's preferred name for the proposed Joint Organisation is the "New England Joint Organisation".
7. That Council requests the State Government to provide ongoing financial support towards the operational costs of Joint Organisations, as the Government has established this governance mechanism to better facilitate consultation and coordination between State Agencies and Local Government into the future.

**FORESHADOWED MOTION (Crs T Toomey / )**

That Council;  
advise the minister of Local Government of council's decision to not join a Joint Organisation.

In the absence of a SECONDER, the Chair declared the FORESHADOWED MOTION as LAPSED.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs M Pearce / B Crouch)**

To move to Committee of the Whole

**X4.02/18 CARRIED**

*Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the Joint Organisation options.*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs K Ward / B Crouch)**

To resume Standing Orders

**X5.02/18 CARRIED**

*The Chair made reference to the MOTION before Council, moved Cr R Crouch Seconded Cr K Ward .*

*Cr R Crouch made a Request to Withdraw the Motion*

**MOTION (Crs B Crouch / K Ward)**

That;

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Council grant the Request to Withdraw the Motion.

**X6.02/18 CARRIED**

*Cr Ledger left the room at 1pm.*

*Cr Ledger returned to the room at 1:04pm.*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs N Ledger / L Sampson)  
To move to Committee of the Whole**

**X7.02/18 CARRIED**

*Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the Joint Organisation options.*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs L Sampson / I Strutt)  
To resume Standing Orders**

**X8.02/18 CARRIED**

*The Chair outlined details of the proposed motion determined during discussion in committee.*

**MOTION (Crs B Crouch / K Ward)**

That;

1. Uralla Shire Council elect to join a Joint Organisation.
2. In accordance with Part 7 of Chapter 12 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Act), the Uralla Shire Council resolves:
  - A. That the council inform the Minister for Local Government (Minister) of the Council's endorsement of the Minister recommending to the Governor the establishment of a Joint Organisation (Joint Organisation) in accordance with this resolution.
  - B. To approve the inclusion of the Council's area in the Joint Organisation's area.
  - C. That the Joint Organisation be established to cover the Council's area and any one or more of the following council areas:
    - a. Armidale Regional.
    - b. Inverell Shire.
    - c. Glen Innes Severn Shire.
    - d. Tenterfield Shire. And
    - e. Moree Shire.
  - D. That before 28 February 2018, the General Manager provide the Minister with a copy of this resolution including the date on which Council made this resolution.
  - E. That, on the expiry of a period of 28 days from the making of this resolution, the General Manager inform the Minister that this resolution has not been rescinded.
  - F. That Council's preferred name for the proposed Joint Organisation is the "New England Joint Organisation".
  - G. That Council requests the State Government to provide ongoing financial support towards the operational costs of Joint Organisations, as the Government has established this governance mechanism to better facilitate consultation and coordination between State Agencies and Local Government into the future.

**Vote For: Crs Toomey, Bell, Ward, Dusting, Crouch & Sampson**

**Vote Against: Crs Pearce, Strutt & Ledger**

**X9.02/18 CARRIED**

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Department: **Community and Governance**  
Submitted by: *Trish Kirkland*  
Reference/Subject: **Report # 2 - Proposed Financial Assistance to BlazeAid Incorporated**

*Cr Dusting, having declared a conflict of interest, left the meeting at this time 1:27pm.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That;

1. Council give 28-days public notice of the proposed \$18,630.00 in financial assistance to cover the cost of Council fees for the use of the Bundarra School of Arts Hall and kitchen and the Bundarra Caravan Park by BlazeAid Incorporated.
2. Council, subject to not receiving submissions opposing the proposal during the 28-day public notice period, contribute \$18,630.00 in financial assistance to BlazeAid Incorporated to cover the cost of Council fees for the use of the Bundarra School of Arts Hall and kitchen and the Bundarra Caravan Park.

**MOTION (Crs B Crouch / L Sampson)**

That;

1. Council give 28-days public notice of the proposed \$18,630.00 in financial assistance to cover the cost of Council fees for the use of the Bundarra School of Arts Hall and kitchen and the Bundarra Caravan Park by BlazeAid Incorporated.
2. Council, subject to not receiving submissions opposing the proposal during the 28-day public notice period, contribute \$18,630.00 in financial assistance to BlazeAid Incorporated to cover the cost of Council fees for the use of the Bundarra School of Arts Hall and kitchen and the Bundarra Caravan Park.

**X10.02/18 CARRIED**

*Cr Dusting was absent during voting.*

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

*The meeting was closed at: 1:30pm*

<b>COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED BY:</b>	
<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER:</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	
<b>MAYOR:</b>	