

MEETING MINUTES

RCA Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday 16 August 2022

Time: 4:00pm – 5:20pm AEST

3:30pm – 4:50pm ACST

2:00pm – 3:20pm AWST

Location: Video Conference

Attendees

- Cr Daniel Moloney – Mayor, City of Ballarat (Chair)
- Mr Evan King – CEO, City of Ballarat
- Cr Kylie King – Mayor, Albury City Council
- Mr Frank Zaknich – GM, Albury City Council
- Cr Grant Henley – Mayor, City of Busselton
- Mr Ross McKim – CEO, City of Greater Geraldton
- Mr Ken Diehm – CEO, Fraser Coast Regional Council
- Cr Doug Curran – Mayor, Griffith City Council
- Mr Brett Stonestreet – GM, Griffith City Council
- Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCA Project Manager and Secretariat (Managing Director, Collective Position)
- Ms Edwina Blackburn – RCA Secretariat

Apologies

- Cr George Seymour – Mayor, Fraser Coast Regional Council
- Mr Robert Jennings – CEO, Alice Springs Town Council
- Mayor Shane Van Styn – Mayor, City of Greater Geraldton
- Mr Mike Archer – CEO, City of Busselton (late apology)
- Cr Matt Paterson – Mayor, Alice Springs Town Council (late apology)

The meeting was declared open at 4:00pm AEST.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

RCA Chair Cr Daniel Moloney, opened the meeting and welcomed members to the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

RCA Chair Cr Daniel Moloney, tabled the draft minutes from the previous July 2022 meeting.

Members received and noted the minutes and updates. Cr Grant Henley – Mayor, City of Busselton moved the minutes as a true and accurate report of the meeting. Cr Kylie King – Mayor, Albury City Council seconded.

Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCA Secretariat, tabled the DRAFT RCA July Planning Meeting Report and summarised the following recommendations:

- continue to prosecute current arguments around the frameworks in place and policy recommendations;
- develop a housing policy; and
- develop a new economic diversification piece - particularly around the renewable sector.

Members received and noted the key policy pieces outlined in the meeting report and discussed the membership footprint. RCA Chair Cr Daniel Moloney noted consensus from members and noted the report and updates.

ACTIONS

2.1 RCA Secretariat to schedule a discussion at the next RCA meeting regarding membership footprint; and

2.2 RCA Secretariat to develop a paper on the RCA meeting structure - encouraging in person board meetings.

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCA Secretariat tabled the July 2022 Treasurer’s report for endorsement.

Members received and noted the financial update. Cr Kylie King – Mayor, Albury City Council moved to endorse the July 2022 Treasurer’s Report, Cr Doug Curran – Mayor, Griffith City Council seconded.

4. SECRETARIAT UPDATE

Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCA Secretariat, tabled the following reports and registers for discussion and noting:

- July Membership Status;
- July Stakeholder Report; and
- July Communications Report.

RCA Chair Cr Daniel Moloney summarised Round Table discussion.

Members received and noted all reports and registers. RCA Chair Cr Daniel Moloney noted consensus from members to endorse the July 2022 reports.

Noting the importance of the housing issue it was agreed that a meeting should be sought with the Master Builders Association as recommended with the Federal Housing Minister’s advisor in relation to development opportunities in regional cities.

ACTIONS

4.1 RCA Secretariat to schedule a briefing from Master Builders Association in regards to their proposal to target density in regional cities in relation to housing.

5. REGIONAL AUSTRALIA INSTITUTE

RCA Chair Cr Daniel Moloney, tabled the following report for discussion and noting the Draft for Comment RAI Regionalisation Ambition 2032 paper.

Members acknowledged the topics outlined in the report closely aligned with RCA's priorities, in particular the ambitions of population growth. Members agreed to develop a position statement noting RCA support for the proposed framework but particularly reflecting on the population component.

RCA Chair Cr Daniel Moloney moved to endorse the RAI Regionalisation Ambition 2032 and associated actions.

ACTIONS

5.1 RCA Secretariat to reschedule RCA September Board meeting to late afternoon on Tuesday 13th September 2022 so RCA members can attend the RAI Summit Conference.

6. RCA MEETING SCHEDULE

RCA Chair Cr Daniel Moloney tabled the following meeting schedules for noting:

- Draft RCA 2022 Meeting Schedule; and
- Proposed September Delegation.

Members received the update. RCA Chair Cr Daniel Moloney moved to endorse the Draft RCA 2022 Meeting Schedule and Proposed September Delegation and associated actions.

ACTIONS

6.1 RCA Secretariat to send out meeting invitations for November Board Meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Next Meeting and Delegation

Members noted the RAI Summit Conference would occur prior to the next Regional Capitals Australia Board Meeting and scheduled delegation. It was agreed to encourage RCA members to attend the Conference and in particular the November Board Meeting later in the year.

RCA Chair Cr Daniel Moloney advised the next RCA Board Meeting is proposed to be scheduled for Tuesday 13 September 2022 in Canberra.

The meeting was closed at 5:20pm AEST.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Task	Responsibility
RCA Secretariat to schedule a discussion at the next RCA meeting regarding membership footprint.	Secretariat
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