MEETING MINUTES

RCA Board Meeting

Date:	**Tuesday 8th February 2022**
Time:	2:30pm – 6:00pm AEDT
	1:00pm – 4:30pm ACST
	11:30am – 3:00pm AWST
Location:	Videoconference

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 Matt Paterson – Mayor, Alice Springs Town Council
- Cr Grant Henley – Mayor, City of Busselton
- Mr Mike Archer – CEO, City of Busselton
- Mayor Shane Van Styn – Mayor, City of Greater Geraldton
- Mr Ross McKim – CEO, City of Greater Geraldton
- Cr George Seymour – Mayor, 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

- Mr Robert Jennings – CEO, Alice Springs Town Council
- Mr Ken Diehm – CEO, Fraser Coast Regional Council

The meeting was declared open at 5.00pm AEDT.

1. WELCOME

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCA Secretariat, tabled the draft minutes from 30 November 2021 to the Board Meeting. Members received and noted the minutes and updates. Cr Shane Van Styn – Mayor, City of Greater Geraldton moved the minutes as a true and accurate report of the meeting. Mr Ken Diehm seconded.

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCA Secretariat, tabled the January 2022 Treasurer's report for endorsement. Members received and noted the financial update. Cr Grant Henley – Mayor, City of Busselton moved to endorse the January 2022 Treasurer's Report, Ross McKim CEO City of Greater Geraldton seconded.

4. SECRETARIAT UPDATE

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

- Issues Register – January 2022;
- Membership Status Grid – January 2022;
- Communications Report – January 2022;
- RCA Stakeholders Register – January 2022;
- Communications Approach Overview; and
- RCA Key Message Register.

Members received and noted all reports and registers. Cr Grant Henley – Mayor, City of Busselton moved to endorse the Secretariat Update, Ross McKim CEO City of Greater Geraldton seconded.

5. REGIONAL CAPITALS AUSTRALIA POLICY – NATIONAL FARMERS FEDERATION

Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCA Secretariat, tabled the National Farmers Federation Report for discussion and noting.

Members received the reports and endorsed the policy update. Cr Shane Van Styn – Mayor, City of Greater Geraldton moved the minutes as a true and accurate report of the meeting. Mr Ken Diehm seconded.

6. RCA 2022-23 PRE-BUDGET / ELECTION TALKING POINTS

Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCA Secretariat, tabled the following document for discussion and noting THE RCA 2022-23 Pre-Budget and Election Talking Points.

Members received the update and endorsed the document update. Cr Shane Van Styn –Mayor, City of Greater Geraldton moved the minutes as a true and accurate report of the meeting. Mr Ken Diehm seconded.

7. REGIONAL INFRASTRUCUTRE

The Hon Catherine King MP – Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, provided an update on the following:

- 2022 Federal Election Priorities; and
- Opportunities for collaboration.

Members received the update.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA

Ms Romilly Madew, Ms Carmen Pennisi and Mr Peter Colacino Pennisi – Infrastructure Australia to present on and provide an update on the Regional Strengths and Gaps Report: findings and pre-release. Members received the update.

9. OFFICE OF MINSITER MCKENZIE

Mr Gerard McManus, Chief of Staff & Mr Tristan Prasser, Advisor Office of Minister

McKenzie, provided an update on the following:

- Regional Precincts;
- 2022 Federal Election Priorities; and
- Opportunities for collaboration.

Members received the update.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Members noted there were no general business raised at the meeting. The meeting was closed at 6:05pm AEDT.