

## Report from the Mayor attending the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 29 February in Condobolin

### Recommendations

That Council note the report from the Mayor on the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board meeting 29 February 2024 and

1. note the return on investment from Council fees to the CNSWJO is 9.4:1;
2. support the Simtables workshop at Council in disaster readiness;  
and
3. note the CNSWJO Draft Statement of Budget and Revenue.



*Picture 1: The Central NSW JO Board Meeting in progress, 29 February 2024, Condobolin*

Board members were welcomed to Condobolin by Cr John Medcalf, Deputy Mayor of Lachlan Shire Councillor and immediate past Chair of the CNSWJO Board.

The first order of business was to elect a Chair. Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor of Cabonne was elected unopposed. Cr Mark Kellam, Mayor of Oberon was elected unopposed as Deputy Chair.

The Board received a presentation from Ms Gerry Collins from Department of Regional NSW regarding Regional Coordination and Delivery Program.

Councillors John Medcalf and David Somerville were recognised for the years of service to the region. The Board also acknowledged the passing of Cr Don Fitzpatrick, former Mayor of Oberon.

On the day, the Board provided feedback that this report should include advice on the substantial value to members of the work the CNSWJO. This report leads with this advice. Please find the draft Minutes of the Meeting attached.

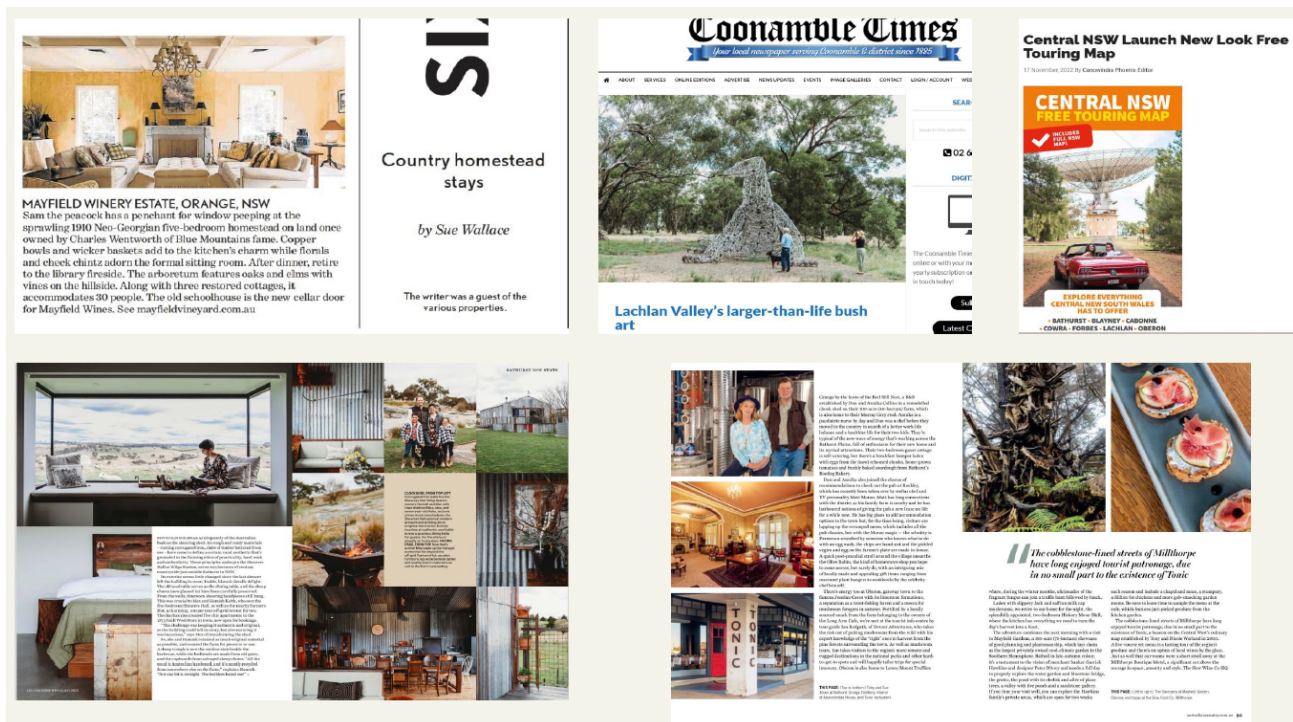
## Value to Council

80% of CNSWJO resources are dedicated to providing its operational support program. This program delivers a return on investments of 9.4:1 for every dollar Council spends on its membership fees. This value is made up of grant income, monies saved through the CNSWJO procurement program and public relations value from its tourism marketing.

The work the region does in writing submissions, media, supporting projects and project teams, developing collateral and providing opportunities for members in various forums to represent their views is not included in the above figure of 9.4:1 ROI. However, this value is reported quarterly to the Board. Please go to the CNSWJO website to review past Board agendas at <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/business-papers-agendas/> or to review last year's Annual Statement please go to [2023 STATEMENT \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/2023-statement)

This work continues year on year and for the 2022/2023 year the value is summarised as:

- 13 [Submissions - Central Joint Organisation \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/submissions-central-joint-organisation) were lodged in line with CNSWJO policy on matters important to the region;
- 13 Plans, strategies and other collateral that members can leverage for funding, advocacy, forward planning and other purposes;
- \$4.2m in net cost savings across 18 regional contracts from a spend of \$25.3m.
- \$2.05m in grants for members to support training for Fluoride Operators, disaster risk reduction, Business case and Strategy Development JONZAG - Net Zero Acceleration Grant and other energy management, best practice in aggregated procurement, tourism and regional development;
- \$1.4m in public relations value and over \$472k in advertising value which encompassed 11 media releases and various social media metrics. The PR program delivered a major tourism marketing campaign for "Come Out, We're Open" which formed a large body of work within the PR program in 2023.



Picture 2: Some of the many publications as a result of the CNSWJO PR campaigns



**UN EARTH CENTRAL NSW**

# AUTUMN IN CENTRAL NSW

credit Pat Corden

**Grenfell** - Sunset views

**Oberon** - Mayfield Garden

credit Destination NSW

**Condobolin** - Utes in the Paddock

credit Pat Corden

**Cowra** - Japanese Garden in Autumn

**Bathurst** - Historic centre in Autumn

credit David Plana

**Lithgow** - Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area

**Parkes** - New cycling routes

**Canowindra** - International Balloon Challenge

**Blayney** - Villages cycling

credit Melia Gould

**Forbes** - Sculpture down the Lachlan

credit Monique LeVick

**Orange** - Food and wine

credit Kristen Cunningham

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN A SHORT BREAK TO CENTRAL NSW AS AN EXPLOSION OF BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN COLOURS TRANSFORMS THE LANDSCAPE, IT IS THE BEST SEASON TO ENJOY THE REGION'S ARTS, CULTURE, HISTORY, FOOD AND WINE.

Explore world-renowned gardens, forage for food, cycle to vineyards, marvel at outdoor art trails, bushwalk through National Parks, and indulge your tastebuds on local produce. The region is brimming with boutique places to stay, from hotels and motels to glamping and farm stays. Take the back roads to lesser-known towns and villages, indulge in some retail therapy, and stay a little longer.

There is so much to see, do and taste.

**COME OUT, WE'RE OPEN**

Central NSW includes the Local Government Areas of Oberon, Lithgow, Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Orange, Parkes and Weddin.

Unearth your Central NSW at [www.visitcentralnsw.com.au](http://www.visitcentralnsw.com.au)

Picture 3 One of the fully funded dull page spreads in the SMH where all member councils were promoted

Grant funded projects for the 2022/2023 year were:

- The Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration Program;
- Disaster Risk Reduction Fund program;
- Bridge Assessments;
- Come Out We're Open flood recovery program

- A Business Case for Priority Investment in the Nexus between Net Zero and Energy Security;
- A Regional Centre of Excellence in Water Loss Management;
- Transitioning Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans to Integrated Planning and Reporting; and
- A Spare Capacity in Housing Project.

Most of these are being finalised this year or are ongoing.

This value is delivered primarily by the various operational teams across the region including the CNSWJO;

- General Managers' Advisory Committee
- Water Utilities' Alliance
- Transport Technical Committee
- Tourism Managers Group
- Planners' Group
- Human Resources Managers Group
- WHS/Risk Management Group
- Training, Learning and Development Group
- Energy Group
- Regional IT Group
- Building Surveyors Skills Shortages Working Group
- Disaster Risk Reduction Steering Committee

## **Adoption of the Draft Statement of Budget and Revenue**

CNSWJO must adopt its Statement of Budget and Revenue (the Statement) at its May meeting having put it on exhibition for 30 days. It resolved to provide it to members as part of this report. Please find the Draft Statement attached. The budget includes a 3% increase in fees, below that of the IPART rate pegged rise for Councils of 4.5% - 5.5%.

## **Submissions**

### **Submissions lodged**

The following submissions have been lodged since the last Board meeting. All have been at the request of members and/or as part of supporting the advocacy policy of the Board. All Submissions can be viewed on the website [Submissions - Central Joint Organisation \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/submissions)

- [Australian Productivity Commission third inquiry into the National Water Initiative – January 2024](#)
- [Submission to the review of the Regional Development Act](#)
- [Draft NSW Energy Policy Framework](#)
- [Essential Energy Determination 2024-29 – Revised Public Lighting Pricing Proposal](#)
- [Consultation on the Future Drought Fund Investment Strategy & Funding Plan 2024-2028 – December 2023](#)
- [Submission to the NSW vocational education and training \(VET\) review – November 2023](#)
- [Response to the Department of Planning and Environment Lachlan Regional Water Strategy shortlisted actions – November 2023](#)

- [Inquiry into the planning system and the impacts of climate change on the environment and communities – November 2023](#)

### **Submissions under development**

At the time of writing responses are intended for the following calls for submissions:

- DCCEE Draft Restoring the Rivers Framework Consultation;
- the inquiry into the assets, premises and funding of the NSW Rural Fire Service; and
- the draft Terms of Reference for the IPART review of NSW council financial model.

### **Disaster Risk Reduction Program**

Council has received its Disaster Risk Reduction Needs Analysis report. At the time of writing a regional opportunities report is being finalised to identify programming the CNSWJO can deliver to support Council in this work.

Notably, CNSWJO are currently planning community workshops and training sessions aimed at enhancing community preparedness regarding natural disaster risks and vulnerabilities. The Project Steering Committee (PSC) evaluated three technology options: Simtables, SIMS online, and a cross-JO technology scoping study. It was decided to pursue all three options, focusing primarily on Simtables for the workshops. The workshops will introduce Simtables as a pilot program due to its distinctive nature and potential applications in disaster preparedness. The primary objective is to understand the technology's practical applications in disaster preparedness for the region and explore the potential to secure funding through existing Disaster Risk reduction initiative, contingent on a successful pilot. In the event of the success of the pilot and the purchase of the technology, a program will be developed to engage the broader community.

The workshops are tentatively scheduled for various locations in May 2024:

Bathurst – 2 May 2024  
 Oberon – 13 May 2024  
 Cowra – 14 May 2024  
 Lithgow – 15 May 2024  
 Blayney – 21 May 2024  
 Weddin – 21 May 2024  
 Orange – 22 May 2024  
 Parkes – 22 May 2024  
 Lachlan – 23 May 2024  
 Forbes – 23 May 2024  
 Cabonne – 24 May 2024

The workshops will primarily focus on bushfire preparedness across all Local Government Areas, with added emphasis on flooding scenarios in identified regions; Cabonne, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, and others identified. The success of the workshops relies heavily on coordination and support from member councils, as well as assistance from the PSC and Local Emergency Management Officers (LEMOs). CNSWJO will circulate an email once the above workshop dates, times, and venues are confirmed.

A recommendation has been made for elected representatives, general managers, and other relevant staff to participate in the upcoming community workshops and training sessions. This recommendation is crucial as it emphasises the importance of community preparedness and the potential benefits that Simtable technology can bring in enhancing disaster preparedness capabilities. Moreover, this initiative aligns well with the recent needs analysis for the region, which identified key opportunities within councils. The Simtable technology may be utilised as a tool to address some of these needs by providing a hands-on approach to understanding and mitigating disaster risks, fostering collaboration among stakeholders, and enhancing decision-making processes.

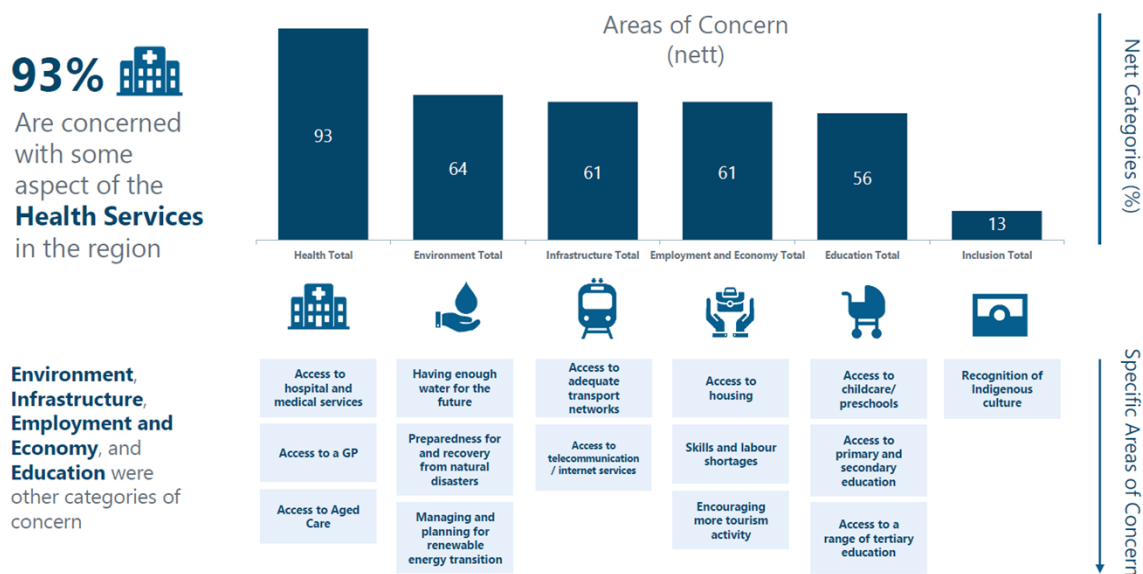
## Collaborating on community engagement

There is opportunity to optimise data collection and dissemination in region to support the Community Engagement Strategies for member Councils.

Two projects the region has been collaborating on are Community Sentiment Surveying and Our PlaceMats.

The work on Community Sentiment Surveying was with four member Councils and produced advice on regional priority. Please see the graphic below.

### Areas of Key Concern for the Region



I will now read out a list of areas that your Council may or may not be responsible for, but could influence, and I would like you to tell me which 5 out of the 15 areas would be the biggest areas of concern in your community right now? You may think they are all important however which 5 areas would you say are particularly important and need immediate attention?

*Figure 1 Priorities of the community members surveyed across four local government areas*

CNSWJO has been working with RDA Central West and Regional NSW on two key projects in the last twelve months, these being a repeat of the PlaceMats project providing 48 data sets for Councils they can use in their Community Strategic Planning community consultations and the workshops with NSW Government agencies providing useful data for Councils. Council will receive a report separately to adopt its PlaceMat. To view the regional PlaceMat please go to <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/co-operative-projects/>

Under the Local Government Act Councils must have Community Engagement Strategy (CES) that determines how they will engage the community in creating and reviewing their Community Strategic



Plan. The CNSWJO Board resolved to collaborate with key peak regional agencies to optimise CES going forward.

The following value is provided to members through this project:

- Cost savings through aggregated procurement;
- Regular surveying supported regionally will show for trends;
- Other stakeholders may be interested in collaborating in this process including making a financial contribution. This may result in a greater body of shared data and better relationships between peak agencies;
- Participating in a regional program sets up a discipline for consultation processes.

## Water

The Water Report provided:

- an update on the project to transition local water utility strategic planning into the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework;
- advice on the near completion Regional Water Loss Management project grant funded with members able to access funding for water loss management equipment; and
- advice on the completion regional asset management assessments using the National Asset Management Assessment Framework (NAMAF) where participating councils should have their report.

It provided advice on current consultative processes including:

- Joint Select Committee on Protecting Local Water Utilities from Privatisation;
- NSW Productivity Commission review of funding arrangements for Local Water Utilities;
- Australian Productivity Commission third inquiry into the National Water Initiative; and
- Draft Restoring the Rivers Framework, including engagement with the Murray Darling Basin Authority.

Planning is underway with Charles Sturt University for a Productive Water Policy Lab this year. All Councilors will be invited. The Board resolved to ask Phil Donato, Member for Orange, to organise a round table with state and federal representation to progress advocacy on water for the region.

## Energy

There is a substantial amount of activity being undertaken to address the energy priority of the CNSWJO. Current work includes;

- Submissions;
- implementation of the Joint Organisation Net Zero Program;

### Case Study: Compensation for communities impacted by the rewiring of NSW

At the time of writing the NSW Government is giving consideration to a revised energy policy framework. Included in this framework is guidance for voluntary compensation for affected communities. This includes a \$1050 per megawatt hour voluntary benefit sharing arrangement.

#### Assuming

- A 40% capacity factor for wind renewable energy generation
- The current price for Large Generation Certificate (LGC) is \$46; and
- All LGCs will be realised and they are realised annually as is the case at present.

\$1050 pa equates to just 0.7% of the annual income from only LGCs. The generator then sells its electricity at profit on top of that.

As it stands, renewable energy generation is being significantly incentivised and impacted communities are not being compensated. This is simply not fair.

- adoption of the Business Case for priority investment in the Nexus between Net Zero and Energy Security;
- advocating on Council's behalf to the Australian Energy Regulator on the costs of streetlighting.

Material advice to Council from this work is that;

- key messaging regarding the Dept of Planning Energy Framework consultation includes the Case Study above on compensating communities for the impacts of rewiring NSW in the context of support for the overall net zero aspiration;
- Council will receive a fully funded net zero fleet strategy;
- The advocacy undertaken by CNSWJO as the lead of the Southern Lights collaboration of councils has shown a substantial reduction in street lighting pricing. The final determination by the Australian Energy Regulator should be known by May of this year.

## **Conclusion**

The CNSWJO continues to deliver very good value to Council. Please contact the Executive Officer Ms Jenny Bennett for more information.

## **Attachments**

1. Draft Minutes of the CNSWJO Board meeting 29 February 2024
2. Draft Statement of Budget and Revenue



**CNSW Joint Organisation Board Meeting**  
 Minutes of Meeting 29 February 2024  
 Held in Condobolin at the SRA Pavilion

**In Attendance\***

<b>Cr J Jennings</b>	Bathurst Regional Council	<b>Cr M Statham</b>	Lithgow City Council
<b>Cr D Sommerville</b>	Blayney Shire Council	<b>Cr A McKibbin</b>	Oberon Council
<b>Cr K Beatty</b>	Cabonne Council	<b>Cr J Hamling</b>	Orange City Council
<b>Cr R Fagan</b>	Cowra Shire Council	<b>Cr N Westcott</b>	Parkes Shire Council
<b>Cr J Medcalf</b>	Lachlan Shire Council	<b>Cr C Bembrick</b>	Weddin Shire Council

Mr D Sherley	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr A Rawson	CTW
Mr M Dicker	Blayney Shire Council	Mr G Rhodes	CTW
Ms H Nicholls	Cabonne Council	Ms K Annis-Brown	OLG
Mr S Loane, OAM	Forbes Shire Council	Ms G Collins	Regional NSW
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr C Butler	Lithgow City Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms K Barker	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms J Webber	CNSWJO
Mr K Boyd, PSM	Parkes Shire Council		
Ms N Vu	Weddin Shire Council		
Ms M Schraeder	Regional NSW		

\*Voting members in **bold**

Meeting opened at 9.00am by Chair Cr Kevin Beatty

**1. Welcome**

**2. Acknowledgement of Country**

**3. Apologies, applications for a leave of absence by Joint Voting representatives**

**Cr P Miller, Cr M Kellam, Cr P Phillips, Mr P Devery, Mr D Sherley, Mr M Dicker, Mr B Byrnes, Cr S Ferguson, Cr C Bembrick, Mr J Gordon**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr M Statham / Cr J Hamling</b>
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 29 February 2024 listed above be accepted.	

**4. Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson**

Cr Kevin Beatty was elected as Chair unopposed.

Cr Mark Kellam was elected as Deputy Chair unopposed.

The service to the Board of Cr J Medcalf and Dr D Sommerville was acknowledged.

The passing of Cr Don Fitzpatrick was acknowledged.

## 5. Conflicts of Interest

<b>Resolved</b>
NIL declared

## 6. Speakers

- a. Gerry Collins, Director, Western NSW/Regional Coordination & Delivery / Regional Development / Department of Regional NSW.
- b. Katrina Annis-Brown, Office of Local Government

## 7. Minutes

### 7a Noting of the GMAC Minutes held 1 February 2024 in Orange

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Fagan / Cr N Westcott</b>
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO GMAC Meeting held 1 February 2024 in Orange were noted	

### 7b Confirmation of the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 23 November 2023 in Sydney

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr D Somerville / Cr M Statham</b>
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting held 23 November 2023 in Sydney were noted	

## 8. Business Arising from the Minutes - Matters in Progress

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Hamling / Cr J Jennings</b>
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

## 9. Reports on Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025

### Priority One: Leveraging our successful collaboration

#### 9a Financial Report

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Medcalf / Cr N Westcott</b>
That the Board note the Financial Report.	

#### 9b Budget considerations 2024/2025: The Draft 2024 CNSWJO Statement of Budget and Revenue

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Fagan / Cr A McKibbin</b>
That the Board note the Statement of Budget and Revenue Report and; <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. adopt the draft Statement of Budget and Revenue and place it on exhibition for 30 days;</li><li>2. note that the budget for the next financial year includes a fee rise of 3% and a profit for the year of \$55,227; and</li><li>3. provide advice in the Mayoral Board report regarding the Statement of Budget and Revenue seeking member feedback.</li></ol>	

#### 9c Advocacy Report

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Jennings / Cr J Medcalf</b>
That the Board note the Advocacy Report and; <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. note that a report from the workshop with the Rural Doctors' Network has been circulated;</li></ol>	

2. adopt the Advocacy Plans for
  - a. Transport;
  - b. Water;
  - c. Energy; - receive a report on end of life and ratings on renewable energy generation.
  - d. Regional Prosperity;
  - e. Health; and
  - f. Skills Shortages;
3. endorse the activities of the Opt-in Advocacy Subcommittee of Mayors, those being;
  - a. developing a media campaign on Council sustainability;
  - b. progressing advocacy for a Safe Swift and Secure Link between Sydney and Central NSW; and
  - c. providing oversight of advocacy for the renewable energy transition and council financial sustainability; and
4. endorse the following submissions that have been lodged:
  - a. Australian Productivity Commission third inquiry into the National Water Initiative – January 2024
  - b. [Submission to the review of the Regional Development Act](#)
  - c. [Draft NSW Energy Policy Framework](#)
  - d. [Essential Energy Determination 2024-29 – Revised Public Lighting Pricing Proposal](#)
  - e. [Consultation on the Future Drought Fund Investment Strategy & Funding Plan 2024-2028 – December 2023](#)
  - f. [Submission to the NSW vocational education and training \(VET\) review – November 2023](#)
  - g. [Response to the Department of Planning and Environment Lachlan Regional Water Strategy shortlisted actions – November 2023](#)
  - h. [Inquiry into the planning system and the impacts of climate change on the environment and communities – November 2023](#)
5. Lodge the following submissions under the hand of the Executive
  - a. DCCEE Draft Restoring the Rivers Framework Consultation;
  - b. the Inquiry into the Assets, Premises and Funding of the NSW Rural Fire Service; and
  - c. the draft Terms of Reference for the IPART review of NSW council financial model.
6. correspondence be sent to Mr Phil Donato/Mr Roy Butler requesting that the Minister for Water, The Hon. Rose Jackson be approached to convene a Regional Water Security Roundtable in the region to include state and federal government representatives.
7. receive a report on leading practice in Regional Governance.

9d Community Engagement Collaboration Report

Resolved	Cr C Bembrick / Cr D Somerville
That the CNSWJO Board note the Community Engagement Collaboration Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. adopt the Regional Report on community sentiment by Woolcott Research;</li> <li>2. note the significance of the findings on community priority for health and request the Portfolio Mayors for Health and Ageing provide feedback on ways in which the JO respond to this; and</li> <li>3. adopt the Regional PlaceMat with a proforma report to go to councils on this project.</li> </ol>	

## **9e Regional Procurement and Contracts Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Medcalf / Cr A McKibbin</b>
That the Board note the Procurement and Contract Management report and; <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. approve the updates to the procurement plan; and</li><li>2. endorse the updated Procurement Policy to include the sustainable procurement clause noting that implementation of such will occur over a 12-month period under the Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement Program.</li></ol>	

## **9f Disaster Risk Reduction Fund Program Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr N Westcott / Cr M Statham</b>
That the Board note the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund Program report and; <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. request that members nominate key staff members for the opportunity to extend licenses for the Emergency Services Spatial Information Library (ESSIL) platform beyond emergency staff;</li><li>2. commend to members that they support a top-down approach within Councils for essential staff to engage in the design and development of a regional Disaster Risk Reduction Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework; and</li><li>3. commend to members that Mayors, General Managers, and other relevant staff participate in the upcoming community workshops and training sessions.</li></ol>	

## **Priority Five: Regional Transport and Infrastructure and Planning and Prioritisation**

### **9g Transport Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Medcalf / Cr R Fagan</b>
That the Board note the Transport report and note the progress on the following projects; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 'Fix Me';</li><li>• Fixing Country Bridges; and</li><li>• Grattan Institute.</li></ul>	

## **Priority Six: Regional Water Security and Productive Water**

### **9h Regional Water Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr D Somerville / Cr J Hamling</b>
That the Board note the Regional Water Report.	

## **Priority Seven: Transition to a sustainable, secure and affordable energy future**

### **9i Energy Program Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr D Somerville / Cr J Medcalf</b>
That the Board note the Energy Program report and; <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. endorse the JONZA mid-term report;</li><li>2. note the addition of \$59,534 in funding for the JONZA program extension to 30 June 2024;</li><li>3. note the regional application for participating councils under the Community Energy Upgrades Fund focusing on pools;</li></ol>	



4. endorse the draft Zero Emissions Fleet Transition Strategy, particularly the proposed 16 recommended strategic actions for CNSWJO;
5. request that member councils provide feedback on the draft regional zero emissions fleet transition strategy;
6. endorse the Business Case on the Nexus Between Energy Security and Emissions Reduction, the appendices and the Roadmap; and
7. endorse the following submissions:
  - a. Energy Policy Framework; and
  - b. AER Determination for 2024-2029 for Public Lighting.

**9j Quarterly Review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr A McKibbin / Cr J Medcalf</b>
That the Board note the Quarterly Review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025.	

**10. Resolve into Confidential Committee of the Whole**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Medcalf / Cr M Statham</b>
That the Board	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. resolve into closed session to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting;</li> <li>2. pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above; and</li> <li>3. correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access.</li> </ol>	

**11. Executive Officer**

**11a Executive Officer Performance Review 2022-2023**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Fagan / Cr J Medcalf</b>
That the Board note the Executive Officer Performance Review 2022-2023 and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. note the report regarding the performance management of the Executive Officer and that the performance was better than satisfactory; and</li> <li>2. note a discretionary increase of 5% to the Executive Officer's remuneration package, which reflects the performance of the Executive Officer and is in line with the Local Government Award increase from 1 July 2023 of 4.5% and the increase of the Superannuation Guarantee Charge of 0.5%.</li> </ol>	

## 11b Executive Officer Transition Report

Resolved	Cr N Westcott / Cr M Statham
That the Board note the Executive Officer Transition Report and	
1. transition all staff to be employed through the Joint Organisation;	
2. seek to have payroll and HR functions administered through a member council;	
3. adopt a 2IC model for staff management for the next twelve months;	
4. note that the Executive Officer will reduce hours to four days a week until December of this calendar year; and	
5. review the structure with the incoming Board in December of this year.	

### 12. Resolve into Open Session – Cr M Statham/Cr R Fagan

### 13. Late Reports - Nil

### 14. Matters raised by Members - Nil

### 15. Speakers to next meeting

- Essential Energy: Mr David Wilson / Mr Geoff Burgess
- Planning Staff – as advised by Ms G Collins
- Ministers for Transport, Energy
- Minister Housoss (Minister for Finance)
- Transgrid
- Mr Martin Rush (Mining Related Councils)

### 16. Next meeting

#### GMAC:

- 2 May 2024 – Oberon

#### Board:

- 23 May – Lithgow
- 22 August – Federal Parliament
- 28 November – State Parliament

Meeting closed: 12:13

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## **Central NSW Joint Organisation**

# Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025

Draft for Public Comment

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# Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy

## 2024-2025

The Central NSW Joint Organisation's revenue and accounting policies are kept in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards Board. CNSWJO abides by the:

- *Local Government Act (1993)*
- *Local Government (General Regulation 2005)*
- *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice & Financial Reporting*

### 1. Financial Contributions by Member Councils

Financial contributions by member councils fall into two categories. Firstly, membership fees are levied from all member councils in order to perform the principal functions of delivering on strategic regional priorities, regional leadership and intergovernmental cooperation. The second category is for contributions from participating councils for a program of other functions enhancing strategic capacity and direct service delivery. Strategic work by the Joint Organisation will determine the nature of this program. [Strategic Planning - Central Joint Organisation \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.cnswj.org.au/strategic-planning)

As outlined in its Charter, the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) member councils must contribute financially based on the following methodology:

- a. The annual financial contribution required to be made by each member council is to consist of:
  - i. base fee of the same amount for each Member Council; and
  - ii. a capitation fee [based on the population number drawn from ABS census figures].
- b. The annual financial contribution required to be made by each associate member is to be based on a methodology adopted by the Board.
- c. The amount of the base fee, capitation fee and financial contribution by associate members for a financial year is to be determined prior to the start of that year by Resolution of the Board.

For 2024-2025, contributions from member councils of the Joint Organisation of \$964,909 has been determined with the following breakdown:

- Membership & Administration: \$369,984
- Membership of various programs: \$594,925  
(Operational, CNSWJO Water Utilities Alliance, Tourism & Western Region Academy of Sport)

### 2. Fees & Charges

Under the Local Government Act 1993, the CNSWJO may charge and recover an approved fee for its services.

CNSWJO must consider the following when establishing approved fees:

- The cost of provision of the service
- Recommended prices suggested by outside bodies
- The importance of the service
- Legislation that regulates certain fees
- Goods & Services Tax legislation.

### 3. 2024-2025 Budget

## Central NSW Joint Organisation Budget 2024/2025

**Budget  
2024/2025**

### Income

CNSWJO Membership Fees	369,984
CWUA Best Practice Program	334,440
CNSWJO Regional Tourism Group	122,591
CNSWJO Operational Membership	126,035
WRAS	11,859
	<b>\$964,909</b>
Grant funding - JONZA	\$155,000
Grant funding - Bridges Project Mgmt	\$12,746
Grant funding - Disaster Ready Fund	\$202,195
	<b>\$369,941</b>
CWUA -Smart Approved Watermark	19,767
	<b>\$19,767</b>
HR - Regional Training Service Income	100,000
	<b>\$100,000</b>
Management Fees from Contracts	320,000
Management Fee from LGP	50,000
	<b>\$370,000</b>
Copyright Licence	20,000
Cyber Security (from members)	200,000
Vehicle Lease Back - Net Zero and Operational Programs Mgr	5,000
Interest	20,000
	<b>\$245,000</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,069,617</b>

## Expenditure

Executive Officer Costs	150,000
Executive Officer Vehicle Costs & Depn	10,000
2IC / Net Zero and Operational Programs Manager incl Vehicle	45,065
Finance Manager	80,300
Project Officer - Procurement (mat leave until April 2025)	36,506
Project Officer - BPAP (and mat leave backfill)	79,928
Project Officer - Operations	60,438
Project Support Officer - Energy and Resilience	2,400
Cybersecurity Project	203,000
Executive Support and Admin Officer	80,000
Productive Water and Advocacy Manager - JO costs	56,000
CWUA - Best Practice Program (inc staff)	334,440
CWUA - Smart Approved Watermark	19,767
Grant - Bridges (inc staff)	12,746
Grant - JONZA (inc staff)	155,000
Grant - Disaster Ready Fund (inc staff)	202,195
Disaster Ready Program (JO costs)	86,655
CNSWJO Regional Tourism Group Marketing	122,591
SSRP review	35,000
Remuneration of the Chair	10,000
WRAS	11,859
HR - Training Service Costs	95,000
Regional Medical Student Scholarship	15,000
Advocacy	15,000
Accounting/Audit/Financial Services Support	29,000
Bank Fees and Sundry Costs	2,500
Computer Software/Licences	2,000
Procurement Software	4,000
Copyright Licence	20,000
Depreciation (excl vehicles)	4,000
Internet Cloud	10,000
Legal	10,000
Operational Teams Costs	10,000
Printing/Stationery/Postage	1,000
Zoom Conferences	1,500
Website Hosting and Costs	1,500
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$2,014,390</b>

**Net Profit/Loss** **\$55,227**