

LACHLAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Grenfell at the Grenfell Bowling Club on Saturday 19th May 2018

Chairman Dom Figliomeni opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

Chairman introduced Mayor of Weddin Shire Mark Liebich to welcome every one present.

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance sheet Total 23

APOLOGIES: M. Duffy, G. Bradbery, Clr A. Durkin, A. Chatfield, S. O'Byrne, P. Laird, A. Long. Total 7 **MOVED:** J Hetherington That apologies be accepted.

SECONDED: M. Simpson **CARRIED**

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Held at Picton accepted as read

MOVED: J. Horton

SECONDED: B. Ryan **CARRIED.**

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

GUEST SPEEKER: Steph Cooke Member for Cootamundra. The \$5mill allocated for the Blayney – Demondrille line is still available. Now requesting the whole line be up graded to class 1 grade. A report has been presented to the Minister and Steph is inquiring about were the numbers have been sourced from for the report. The link from Koorawatha to Greenethorpe was left out of the last business case which is now in Steph's round of questions.

Ian Gray commented on the difference between NSW and Victoria rail systems

Maurice Simpson advised the meeting that the Premier of NSW is keen to hold a meeting in relation to regional rail which Steph will be organising in the near future.

Bede Ryan stated that the Blayney to Demondrille line was never officially closed

More information on rail all over the world is on Face Book -- Rail Page

Rita O'Connor- Harden. Gave an inside report on the condition of the Harden Railway Station which is the most vandalised, unmanned and has the highest maintenance costs on the southern line. It is cleaned only once a fortnight but is now heritage listed with the signal box and the local community and council have drawn up beatification plans for the area to include parking for RV and trucks. The rest of the other out buildings may be used by a number of community groups.

MOVED: Dom Figliomeni. That we write to State, Federal politician and ARTC to outline the project and the benefit of which it would have to the community of Harden.

SECONDED: Maurice Simpson

CARRIED:

Stephen McFallan: Senior Experimental Scientist, CSIRO Land and Water. Gave a report on freight movements around the country covering supply chain. This tool works on the cost of moving livestock and freight with different models to deal with all other primary production from paddock to port. These models could become very important to councils to be used to plan the future of roads and other infrastructure. On completion Stephen answered a number of questions

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Draft submission to NSW 2018 Freight & Ports Plan
Notice of change of Association Address
Steph Cooke regarding Harden Railway Station
Maurice Simpson re progress of the Harden Railway Station
Conformation that the Mayor of Weddin Shire will be attending the next meeting.
Garry Braithwaite Re: Info on the Bypass around Dubbo. Dennis to find out more information on the Dubbo Bypass
The Dubbo Country Chapter of the Australian Taxpayers' Alliance.
Paper article from Philip Laird on state rail.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Letter to Weddin shire Council requesting Councils support for the next meeting in Grenfell and to invite the Mayor of Weddin Shire Mark Liebich to attend our meeting
Letter to Steph Cooke That the LRTC fully support the Lachlan Valley Rail in there project to reopen and run trains on the Cowra to Holmwood line.
Letter to Steph Cooke re Harden Railway Station
Submission to NSW 2018 Freight and Ports Plan
Letter to President Lachlan Valley Rail Ian Cameron supporting their bid to reopen and use the Cowra to Holmwood line.
Letter to Steph Cooke re That the LRTC fully support the Lachlan Valley Rail in their bid to reopen and use the Cowra to Holmwood line.

MOVED: John Horton **SECONDED:** Ken McGrath **CARRIED.**

TREASURERS REPORT: Presented by Dennis Hughes Opening Balance as at 1/2/18 \$13881.72 Income \$ 362.66 Expenses \$ 170.00 Closing Balance as at 30/4/18 \$ 14074.38

MOVED: Dennis Hughes That the Treasurers Report be accepted and A/C be paid

SECONDED: Bill West **CARRIED.**

MOVED: Dennis Hughes The account for Frog Quartet be paid by Direct Debit

SECONDED: Bill West **CARRIED.**

REPORTS:

Wollondilly: Judith Hannan Spoke on the release of the 20 year plan for the M9 orbital road from north of the airport to St Marys and impact approximately 1200 homes to Douglas Park. The raising of the Warragamba Dam wall by approximately 14 metre to cater for the increasing Sydney population. Costing information is needed if the Maldon Dombarton line is to change from Diesel only operation to a fully electrified system to provide for passenger services.

PARKES: Ken McGrath On the 4th May the Joint agreement signed between the two Governments for the inland rail line. Parkes to host the Inland Rail conference on the 18th-19th July.

COWRA: Bill West, Fully support Wollondilly on their freight and rail line projects.

WEDDIN: Craig Bembrick, Investigating the possibility to run road trains from the Newell Highway into Bogolong. Jo's for councils may be the erosion of councils powers.

WOLLONGONG: Dom Figliomeni discussed the new Jail proposed to be built at West Dapto near residential areas to replace Long Bay. The nearby community has not been consulted when the proposal was first raised through the media. Also of concern is that there has been no government planning for schools, health facilities and infrastructure etc. Wollongong is now the biggest building development area outside of Sydney.

General Business: Think about a media person for the next meeting to publicise the projects we have running.

The next meeting date be the 11th August 2018 at Harden

MEETING CLOSED 12.15pm

CHAIRMAN: