



## MINUTES

### Annual General Meeting Australian Rural Road Group (Incorporated)

**Date:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013  
**Location:** The Swan Room  
National Convention Centre  
31 Constitution Avenue  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

**Commenced:** 1.35pm

## PRESENT

<b>Mr. Mike Mrdak</b>	<b>Secretary, Department of Infrastructure and Transport</b>
<b>Cobar Shire Council</b>	
<b>Cr. Lilliane Brady OAM</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Mr. Gary Woodman</b>	<b>General Manager</b>
<b>Colac Otway Shire Council</b>	
<b>Cr. Lyn Russell</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Corrigin Shire Council</b>	
<b>Cr. Lynette Baker</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Mr. Julian Murphy</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>District Council of Grant</b>	
<b>Cr. Richard Sage</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Griffith City Council</b>	
<b>Mr. Brett Stonestreet</b>	<b>General Manager</b>

**Gwydir Shire Council**

<b>Cr. John Coulton</b>	<b>Mayor (Chair)</b>
<b>Cr. Angela Doering</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>Mr. Max Eastcott</b>	<b>General Manager (Secretary)</b>
<b>Mr. Richard Jane</b>	<b>Director Engineering Services</b>
<b>Ms. Kellie Gill</b>	<b>Administrative Support</b>

**Junee Shire Council**

<b>Mr. Col Macaulay</b>	<b>Director of Engineering</b>
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**Moree Plains Shire Council**

<b>Cr. Sue Price</b>	<b>Deputy Mayor (Treasurer)</b>
<b>Mr. David Aber</b>	<b>General Manager</b>

**Naracoorte Lucindale Council**

<b>Cr. Erica Vickery</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
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**Narrabri Shire Council**

<b>Cr. Conrad Bolton</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
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**Shire of Kulin**

<b>Cr. Jim Sullivan</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Mrs. Margaret Sullivan</b>	

**Shire of Morawa**

<b>Cr. Karen Chappel</b>	<b>Shire President</b>
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**Temora Shire Council**

<b>Mr. Fabio Giacomini</b>	<b>Director Engineering Services</b>
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**Toowoomba Regional Council**

<b>Cr. Carol Taylor</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
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**Tamworth Shire Council**

<b>Mr. Russell Webb</b>	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>
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**Yarriambiak Shire Council**

<b>Cr. Kylie Zanker</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
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## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received:

Cr. Rhonda Hoban, Mr. Michael Coulter, Mr. Paul Gallagher, Nambucca Shire Council NSW;  
Cr. Bill Shannon, Cassowary Coast Regional Council QLD;  
Cr. Robert Armstrong, Huon Valley Council TAS;  
Cr. Peter Petty, Tenterfield Shire Council NSW;  
Mr. Garry Harris, Shire of Shire of Esperance WA;  
Cr. Kevin Casey, Mackay Regional Council QLD;  
Mr. Barry Omundson, Mackay Regional Council QLD;  
Cr. Robert Nixon, Shire of Dalwallinu WA;  
Cr. Peter Shinton, Warrumbungle Shire Council NSW;  
Mr. Steve Loan, Warrumbungle Shire Council NSW;  
Mr. Kevin Tighe, Warrumbungle Shire Council NSW;  
Mr. Steve Jones, Lockyer Valey Regional Council QLD;  
Mr. Danny Green, Gloucester Shire Council NSW;  
Cr. John Dal Broi, Griffith City Council NSW;  
Cr. Walter Barrett, Shire of Murray WA

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the apologies, as listed, are accepted.**

**(Moved Mr. Aber, seconded Cr. Doering)**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012 are confirmed as a true and accurate record.**

**(Moved Mr. Aber, seconded Cr. Doering)**

**CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT****Australian Rural Road Group****The Year in Review 2012/2013**

Firstly I would like to thank all member Councils for their continued support of the Australian Rural Roads Group. I would like to, again, thank the executive team of the ARRГ for their efforts and energy in sustaining the momentum that has resulted in ARRГ developing into what is now considered a "Peak Consultative Body".

It appears from the feedback we have received that ARRГ has established itself as an acknowledged leader in real road funding reform with industry credibility and political presence that is driving a paradigm shift away from the mendicant mentality of road funding toward a 'targeted investment' road funding model.

The ARRГ ethos is that the majority of Australian Councils have the asset data and ability to demonstrate an accurate assessment of the road asset and the ability to apply robust economic principles to ensure that public funds are spent in a 'targeted investment' fashion that best supports Australia's rural economy.

To demonstrate the ability of Councils to compile road asset data, the ARRГ conducted a pilot program, collecting the attribute data and condition assessment data for six Councils, three in southern Queensland and the balance in northern New South Wales. Those Councils contributing were Southern Downs Regional Council, Goondiwindi Regional Council, Balonne Shire Council, Gwydir Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council and Narrabri Shire Council. The basis of this grouping was to enable cross-Council route assessments that provided targeted investment of interconnections between those Councils.

A summary of the results of this pilot program are attached. The pilot survey across the six Councils was the compilation of asset data for 13,111km of rural roads representing 2263 individual rural roads.

A massive undertaking performed with a nil budget that was designed to demonstrate that a National Road Portfolio Manager would require a small team of dedicated staff within an existing federal department and not another multi-personnel bureaucracy as has been suggested.

Another major focus of the funding reform recommended by the ARRG is that road funding reform be within the bounds of existing federal budgets.

This will require a smarter and targeted way of distributing the available funds to better support the rural economy. Road maintenance, renewals and upgrades have not kept up with the changing nature of Australian agriculture which has seen a massive increase in on-farm storage and just-in-time contracts which places a much greater strain on rural roads, particularly during wet periods.

As we all know, due to international markets and the relative high Australian dollar, Australian agriculture has become a more marginal business than ever before.

There is not a lot we can do about markets or the Australian dollar, but we can help with transport overheads by providing good quality roads that are accessible in all but the worst weather conditions.

The ARRG advocates this principle, in particular the principle of providing widespread access of rural roads after minor rain events and the “betterment” of roads that have sustained repeated flood damage to enable these roads to be immediately serviceable once the flood waters have subsided.

While in Canberra in April 2013, delegates of the ARRG took the opportunity to visit the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport. Discussions were held with senior staff with the result being that the ARRG has been invited to be a ‘peak’ consultative body to assist with the formulation of the upcoming Roads to Recovery Program (R2R).

The proposed legislation for the new program has not yet been drafted so there will be the opportunity to recommend adjustments to the program. In response to this invitation an on-line survey has been posted to allow all ARRG members and eligible Councils to submit data to allow the ARRG to obtain a broad understanding as to the effectiveness of the current R2R program and where recommendations can be made to modify the rules associated with the program.

The ARRG recognises that the R2R program is a band-aid solution and that serious rural road funding reform is the ultimate goal and we will use whatever means is available to us to change the way rural road funding occurs.

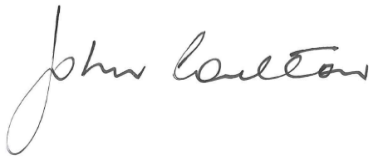
If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, the link to the survey is:

<http://gwydir.checkboxonline.com/Survey.aspx?s=840278210d0941ff88a238311d13e33b>

In closing I would like to re-emphasise that much of the work being done is happening behind the scenes but has been very effective and will hopefully, shortly, bear significant fruit. I hope to be able to provide further details about this in a newsletter in the near future.

For this reason is it imperative that our current membership keep faith and that that all the rural Councils that will benefit from the work of the ARRG either renew their membership or join.

I invite your opinions and contributions to the work of the ARRГ and thank you again for your continued support.



Mayor John Coulton

Gwydir Shire Council

Chair ARRГ.

Attachment – Pilot Review Results

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Chair's Report is accepted**

**(Moved Cr Price, seconded Cr. Bolton)**

	No. Local Roads	Sealed Length (km)	Gravelled Length (km)	Total Length (km)	RESEAL AREA (sq.m)	RESEAL LENGTH (km)	RESEAL AS % OF SEALED LENGTH	HEAVY PATCH AREA (sq.m)	REHAB LENGTH (km)	0mm	25mm	50mm	75mm	100m	125mm	150mm	% OF GRAVEL PAVEMENT PREDICTED TO BE IMPASSABLE AFTER 20mm RAIN (as a % of the length of gravel road)
Narrabri	219	381.9	1503.6	1885.5	1011465	144.5	37.8%	68715	61.3	24.5	23.9	765.5	395.6	19.9	Not Assessable	Not Assessable	27.6%
Southern Downs	986	1080.2	1577.9	2658.0	989621	204.9	19.0%	Not Assessable	Not Assessable	12.2	56.4	475.0	904.5	160.2	9.5	0.0	10.8%
Goondiwindi	512	772.0	1728.7	2500.7	1001875	193.6	25.1%	Not Assessable	Not Assessable	0.0	553.1	408.7	336.0	75.7	349.8	0.0	24.6%
Balonne	116	202.3	1767.5	1969.8	Not Assessable	Not Assessable	0.0%	Not Assessable	21.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	999.4	630.1	26.4	1629.3	93.7%
Gwydir	218	312.3	1453.8	1766.1	319091	49.9	16.0%	45460	43.7	49.6	342.4	353.1	260.6	86.4	232.9	0.0	22.0%
Moree	212	442.2	1889.7	2331.9	346680	54.5	12.3%	0	12.7	214.9	137.7	468.1	525.0	356.1	66.6	0.0	22.4%
TOTAL	2263	3190.9	9921.1	13112	3668732	647.3	20.3%	114175.0	139.6	301.3	1113.5	2470.3	3421.2	1328.5	685.2	1629.3	

		Rate	Estimated Cost to Rectify
TOTAL LENGTH OF ROADS ASSESSED	13111 km		
TOTAL NUMBER OF ROADS ASSESSED	2263		
%AGE OF NETWORK SEALED	24.3%		
%AGE OF SEALED SURFACE PAST USEFUL LIFE	20.3%	\$25500/km	\$16,509,000
%AGE OF SEALED PAVEMENT PAST USEFUL LIFE	10.4%	\$285000/km	\$39,788,000
% OF GRAVEL PAVEMENT PREDICTED TO BE IMPASSABLE AFTER 20mm RAIN (as a % of the length of gravel road)	34.4%	\$22,000/km	\$74,987,000
% OF GRAVEL PAVEMENT PREDICTED TO BE IMPASSABLE AFTER 20mm RAIN (as a % of the length of both sealed and gravel roads)	26.0%		
			<b>\$131,284,000</b>

Assuming 80% of gravelled roads are required to be passable after 20mm rain, and a gravel resheet lasts an average 8 years, the total gravel resheeting budget required per year across all 6 councils **\$21,826,000**

<b>Narrabri</b>	\$3,308,000
<b>Southern Downs</b>	\$3,471,000
<b>Goondiwindi</b>	\$3,803,000
<b>Balonne</b>	\$3,888,000
<b>Gwydir</b>	\$3,198,000
<b>Moree</b>	\$4,157,000

The above amounts are required to maintain the gravel road asset for each council area.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Australian Rural Roads Group****Operating Statement to 31st May 2013****INCOME**

Reimbursed - Faircount Media Advertising	\$ 8,745.00
Membership Renewals	\$ 37,500.00

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**\$ 46,245.00**
**EXPENDITURE**

Write - Memberships not collected	\$ 19,846.00
Accommodation	\$ 486.37
Advertising	\$ 33,097.05
Airfares	\$ 3,472.79

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**\$ 57,375.11**
**Surplus/(Deficit) for Project**


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**-11,130.11**


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**RESOLVED:**

**THAT the Financial Report as at 31st May 2013 is accepted.**

**(Moved Cr. Price, seconded Cr. Doering)**

**A motion was put to the meeting to amend the annual membership fee to \$1000; this motion was lost after a show of hands.**

**A second motion was put to the meeting to reduce the annual membership fee to \$300.00; this motion was lost after a show of hands.**

**THAT the annual membership fee remains at \$500.00.**

**FURTHER, that all Financial Member Councils actively promote the Australian Rural Road Group to all eligible non-member Councils.**

**(Moved Cr. Taylor, seconded Cr. Bolton)**

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

##### **RESOLVED:**

**That in accordance with Clause 14 (1) and (2) it is noted that the following members continue in their roles:**

**Cr. John Coulton – NSW Gwydir Shire Council – Chairperson;**

**Cr. Sue Price - NSW Moree Plains Shire Council – Treasurer; and**

**Mr Max Eastcott – NSW Gwydir Shire Council – Secretary/Public Officer**

**(Moved Cr. Taylor, seconded Cr. Vickery)**

#### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

##### **RESOLVED:**

**Cr. Lyn Russell – VIC Colac Otway Shire Council;**

**Cr Erika Vickery – SA Naracoorte Lucindale Council; and**

**FURTHER, that Cr. Lynette Baker of the Shire of Corrigin Council be elected as an executive committee member for WA.**

**FURTHER, that Cr. Carol Taylor of the Toowoomba Regional Council be elected as an executive committee member for QLD.**

**(Moved Cr. Price, seconded Cr. Doering)**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Promotion and Marketing**

**Cr. Lyn Baker suggested that letters of support accompany the Chairman's report for the next Annual General Meeting.**

**Mr Russel Webb raised the need for a more proactive marketing campaign to better promote the group.**

### **Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)**

**Cr Angela Doering suggested that the ARRG approach the Australian Local Government Association to seek their support to be placed on the agenda as well as hold a stand at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress at the Congress for the dates 12 - 14 November 2013 in Alice Springs NT.**



## Minutes

### Annual General Meeting Australian Rural Road Group (Incorporated)

**Date:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012

**Location:** The Swan Room  
National Convention Centre  
31 Constitution Avenue  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

**Commenced** 3.48pm

#### PRESENT

##### Cabonne Shire Council

<b>Cr. Bob Dowling</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Mr. Graeme Fleming</b>	<b>General Manager</b>

##### Carrathool Shire Council

<b>Cr. Peter Laird</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Mr. Ken Croskell</b>	<b>General Manager</b>

##### Colac Otway Shire Council

<b>Cr. Lyn Russell</b>	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>
<b>Mr. Robert Small</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Cr. Stuart Hart</b>	<b>Councillor</b>

##### Corangamite Shire Council

<b>Mr. Chris O'Connor</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>Mr. David Ray</b>	<b>Director</b>

**East Gippsland Shire Council**

**Cr. Richard Ellis                      Mayor**

**Griffith City Council**

**Cr. Dino Zappacosta                  Councillor**  
**Mr. Dallas Bibby                      Director Infrastructure**

**Gunnedah Shire Council**

**Cr. Adam Marshall                    Mayor**

**Gwydir Shire Council**

**Cr. John Coulton                      Chair**  
**Mr. Max Eastcott                      Secretary**  
**Cr. Catherine Egan                    Deputy Mayor**  
**Cr. Angela Doering                    Councillor**  
**Ms. Kellie Gill                          Administration Support**

**Harden Shire Council**

**Cr Pat O'Connor                      Deputy Mayor**

**Issac Regional Council**

**Cr. Anne Baker                        Mayor**

**Liverpool Plains Shire Council**

**Cr. Ian Lobsey                         Mayor**  
**Mr. Robert Hunt                      General Manager**

**Longreach Regional Council**

**Cr. Joe Owens                         Mayor**

**Mid Murray Shire Council**

**Cr. David Burgess                    Mayor**

**Moree Plains Shire Council**

**Cr. Sue Price                          Treasurer**  
**Mr. David Aber                        General Manager**

**Moyne Shire Council**

**Cr. Jim Doukas                        Mayor**

**Naracoorte Lucindale Council**

**Cr. Erica Vickery                      Mayor**

**Narrabri Shire Council**

**Cr. Robyn Faber**                      **Mayor**

**Tatiara Shire Council**

**Cr. Richard Vickery**              **Mayor**  
**Cr. Robert Mock**                **Councillor**

**Tenterfield Shire Council**

**Cr. Toby Smith**                    **Mayor**

**Towong Shire Council**

**Cr. Debi Gadd**                    **Mayor**

**Wagga Wagga City Council**

**Mr. Phil Pinyon**                  **General Manager**

**Cr. John Coulton Mayor Gwydir Shire Council welcomed all present and formally opened the meeting.**

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from:

Cr. Rhonda Hoban, Cr. Michael Coulter and Mr. Paul Gallagher, Nambucca Shire Council NSW;

Cr. George Sevil and Cr. Bevan O'Regan, Narrabri Shire Council NSW;

Mr. Gavin Cator, Greater Shepparton City Council VIC;

Cr. Rosa Lee Long, Tablelands Regional Council QLD;

Mr. Kevin Smith, Lachlan Shire Council NSW;

Cr. Darryl Richards, Cr. Graham Anderson and Mr Graeme Fardon, Shire of Quairading WA;

Mr. Steve Loane, Warrumbungle Shire Council NSW;

Mr. Derik Francis, Bogan Shire Council NSW;

Cr. Rodger Bow, Hinchinbrook Shire Council QLD;

Cr. Carol Taylor, Mr. Mike Brady, Toowoomba Regional Council

**RESOLVED:**

**That the apologies, as listed, are accepted.**

**(Moved Cr Faber, seconded Mr. Fleming)**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 are confirmed as a true and accurate record.**

**(Moved Cr Faber, seconded Mr. Fleming)**

## **CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Australian Rural Road Group**

#### **The Year in Review 2011/12**

Firstly I would like to acknowledge the Executive Committee for their energy and commitment to improving all local roads across Australia. I thank you for your combined efforts during the year.

As well I would like to thank the administrative and executive staff of both Gwydir and Moree Plains Shire Councils for an outstanding job in addition to their normal tasks and in particular David Aber, Richard Jane, Kellie Gill and Max Eastcott. Cr Sue Price has demonstrated total commitment to the cause and I thank her for her enthusiasm and support.

Our group is very fortunate to have a partnership with Mr Luke Fraser, who has now drafted three very powerful and highly regarded Reports.

This year our group has continued to boast over 90 members from across Australia.

Our group has had the privilege of meeting with a great number of Ministers, Federal and State Members, and top Government officials. Thank you to Mark Coulton, the member for Parkes, for arranging many of these meetings and for allowing us to invade his office while in Canberra.

In addition, our group was invited to present 'our case' at a number of national conferences.

All of these meetings and conferences raise our profile and give us a chance to put our case to those who make decisions.

This is obviously important, but, I believe that our highest achievement is when we actually stand in front of the decision makers; we are able to present a thoroughly researched and statistically valid argument.

We do not rely on rhetoric but cold hard facts; it is through our ability to professionally argue the 'local roads' issue that we have become, in less than two years, the highly respected and nationally valued Australian Rural Road Group.

Our group has the corporate support of Cotton Australia Ltd.

NRMA is a member of our group and has recently allowed us to use their logo on our letterhead and website. It is a privilege to be entrusted with such an esteemed brand.

Over the last two years my Executive and I have frequently been quoted in the media. However, our group is now being cited as a source; a reliable and nationally recognised source. In March, *The Land* newspaper cited the Australian Rural Road Group as a source for one of its feature articles. In a nutshell it highlighted the 'local roads' issues with extracts from our Reports. *The Land* stated:

Local roads represent 80 per cent of all public roads in Australia by kilometres.

Rural local roads comprise 68.7 per cent of the total but receive only 34 per cent of local road maintenance and upgrade funding.

The 2003 Federal Parliament inquiry into local government and cost shifting estimated the stock of local roads to be worth more than \$90billion.

By 2006 total federal grants to local government for road maintenance for local roads were less than \$2billion and total expenditure on local roads only \$3.3billion.

Our research and work is being quoted and noted, not only by the media but by government officials and Members.

The group's approach was endorsed by Infrastructure Australia in its 2011 Report to COAG 'Communicating the Imperative for Action'. The Report stated that the ARRG has 'painted a compelling picture of the need for wide spread reform'.

Mr Michael Deegan, the Infrastructure Co-ordinator of Infrastructure Australia, stated in a Senate Committee sitting in May, 'We felt that report by the Australian Rural Road Group was well considered and properly thought through...'

Not only are we knocking on doors and being heard, but our argument is being valued and considered.

So how have we achieved this?

In October 2011 we released a landmark report 'Worth Feeding: Case Studies of Rural Local Road Efficiency and Reform of Australia's Road Pricing and Investment Systems'. At the launch I said that this Report did not pull any punches. The Report is proudly controversial as it disputes the Productivity Commission's 2006 findings and questions COAG's road reform through economic study and statistical fact.



In March 2012 we released another Report – Australia's Road Infrastructure is in crisis (but for once, the answer isn't more money). Again this Report is not anecdotal but is built on real data and evidence.

We are attacking the problem from both angles. We are drawing together the many parties who are suffering the same problems and binding them together to petition for change. At the same time, through study and research, we are not only proving that the problem is real but that we are able to put forward proposals to fix the problem.

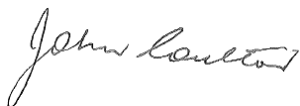
The past two years have been used effectively to; firstly, raise the 'local roads' issue into a national light; and secondly, to prove that this issue is real and can be fixed, through co-operation and, to use Mr Deegan's words, by '...starting a different journey'.

I know that the wheels of government turn slowly but over the next year, with the Federal election looming, I hope that the Australian Rural Road Group is the force that provides the energy and direction for the government to roll out reform and change. If the government fails to do this then I fear that agriculture and the rural lifestyle will grind to a halt.

I am hopeful that both the Federal National and Liberal parties will adopt our ideas and write them into party policy.

We need to consider where to now.....The ARRГ has very kindly supplied both the Government and Opposition with a wealth of research at no cost to them. We will continue to heavily lobby individual members with the expectation of a change of government in 2013.

Thank you.



Mayor John Coulton  
Gwydir Shire Council  
Chair ARRГ

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Chair's Report is accepted**

**(Moved Cr Coulton, seconded Cr. Dowling)**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

# Australian Rural Roads Group

## Operating Statement to 16th May 2012

**INCOME**

Memberships/Contributions	\$ 9,127.66
Contribution from Moree Plains Shire Council	\$32, 247.60
Contribution from Gwydir Shire Council	<u>\$32, 247.61</u>
	<b>\$ 73,622.87</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Consultants - (Juturna) - Progress payment 3	\$ 32,100.00
Consultants - (Juturna) - Progress payment 4	\$ 18,238.63
Airfares & Travel	\$ 8,166.93
Accommodation	\$ 5,994.49
Regional Development Australia	\$ 1,605.00
2011 AGM Conference centre exp	\$ 3,041.62
Other Sundry Expenses	\$ 411.56
Freight	\$ 77.82
Merchandise	<u>\$ 3,986.82</u>
	<b>\$ 73,622.87</b>

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT the Financial Report as at 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 is accepted.**

**FURTHER, that it is noted that deficits have been carried by Gwydir Shire and Moree Plains Shire Councils.**

**(Moved Cr. Price, seconded Cr. Doering)**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

### **RESOLVED:**

**That in accordance with Clause 14 (1) and (2) it is noted that the following members continue in their roles:**

**Cr. John Coulton – NSW Gwydir Shire Council – Chairperson;**

**Cr. Sue Price - NSW Moree Plains Shire Council – Treasurer; and**

**Mr Max Eastcott – NSW Gwydir Shire Council – Secretary/Public Officer**

**(Moved Cr. Doering, seconded Cr. Egan)**

## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **RESOLVED:**

**Cr. Lyn Russell – VIC Colac Otway Shire Council;**

**Cr Erika Vickery – SA Naracoorte Lucindale Council; and**

**FURTHER, that Peter Blundell of Southern Downs Regional Council be elected as an executive committee member subject to acceptance.**

**FURTHER, that Member Councils from Western Australia and Queensland be asked to nominate a representative.**

**(Moved Cr. Fleming, seconded Cr. Vickery)**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Payment of Membership Fees**

The issue of slow payment of membership fees was raised. It was suggested that an email be forwarded to the Mayor and General Manager of each member Council advising of achievements to date. The email could contain a link that Councils can open to confirm if they have or have not paid their current membership.

### **Seek support from Local Member**

It was suggested that a framework be compiled and forwarded to each Mayor and General Manager seeking their support by including the ARRГ when making presentations to their Local Members.

(Moved Mr. Fleming, seconded Cr. Laird)

### **Regional Organisations of Council's Membership**

It was agreed that the ARRГ approach all Rural Based Regional Organisations of Council's (ROC's) and offer membership.

### **Corporate Sponsorship**

It was agreed that Corporate Sponsors be approved for membership.

### **Facebook Page**

Cr Robyn Faber suggested a Facebook page could be set up accessed by a link from the main ARRГ website to encourage people to tell their own stories.

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**CURRENT MEMBER COUNCILS**

June 2012

**NSW**

Berrigan Shire Council  
Bland Shire Council  
Cabonne Shire Council  
Carrathool Shire Council  
Cobar Shire Council  
Conargo Shire Council  
Coonamble Shire Council  
Cotton Australia  
Forbes Shire Council  
Gilgandra Shire Council  
Glenn Innes Severn Council  
Greater Taree City Council  
Griffith City Council  
Gunnedah Shire Council  
Gwydir Shire Council  
Inverell Shire Council  
Johnstone Ready Mix Concrete  
Junee Shire Council  
Lachlan Shire Council  
Liverpool Plains Shire Council  
Moree Plains Shire Council  
Nambucca Shire Council  
Narrabri Shire Council  
Narromine Shire Council  
Temora Shire Council  
Tenterfield Shire Council  
Wagga Wagga City Council  
Wakool Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Council  
Weddin Shire Council  
Wentworth Shire Council

**QLD**

Balonne Shire Council  
Banana Shire Council  
Cairns Regional Council  
Cassowary Coast Regional Council  
Central Highlands Regional Council  
Etheridge Shire Council  
Hinchinbrook Shire Council  
Isaac Regional Council  
Lockyer Valley Regional Council

Mackay Regional Council  
North Burnett Regional Council  
Quilpie Shire Council  
Southern Downs Regional Council  
Tablelands Regional Council  
Toowoomba Regional Council  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
Western Downs Regional Council

**SA**

Clair & Gilbert Valleys Council  
District Council of Ceduna  
District Council of Grant  
District Council of Kimba  
District Council of Loxton Waikerie  
District Council of Mount Remarkable  
District Council of Robe  
District Council of Tumby Bay  
Kangaroo Island Council  
Mid Murray Council  
Southern Mallee District Council  
Tatiara District Council  
Wattle Ranges Council

**TAS**

Dorset Shire Council  
Meander Valley Shire Council

**VIC**

Buloke Shire Council  
City of Greater Bendigo  
Colac Otway Shire Council  
Corangamite Shire Council  
Gr. Shepparton City Council  
Horsham Rural City Council  
Loddon Shire Council  
Mildura Rural City Council  
Moirra Shire Council  
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council  
Moyne Shire Council  
NRMA Motoring & Services  
Pyrenees Shire Council  
South Gippsland Shire Council  
Swan Hill Rural City Council  
Yarriambiak Shire Council

**WA**

Dandaragan Shire Council  
Shire Council Dalwallinu  
Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup  
Shire of Carnarvon  
Shire of Chittering  
Shire of Coorow  
Shire of Corrigin  
Shire of Cranbrook  
Shire of Esperance  
Shire of Gingin  
Shire of Lake Grace  
Shire of Quairading  
Shire of Wiluna

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**NSW**

Berrigan Shire Council  
Bland Shire Council  
Cabonne Shire Council  
Carrathool Shire Council  
Cobar Shire Council  
Coonamble Shire Council  
Forbes Shire Council  
Gilgandra Shire Council  
Glen Innes Severn Council  
Greater Taree City Council  
Griffith City Council  
Gunnedah Shire Council  
Gwydir Shire Council  
Inverell Shire Council  
Junee Shire Council  
Liverpool Plains Shire Council  
Moree Plains Shire Council  
Nambucca Shire Council  
Narrabri Shire Council  
Narromine Shire Council  
Temora Shire Council  
Tenterfield Shire Council  
Wagga Wagga Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Council  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
Wentworth Shire Council

**QLD**

Balonne Shire Council  
Banana Shire Council  
Cassowary Coast Regional Council  
Central Highlands Regional Council  
Hinchbrook Shire Council  
Isaac Regional Council  
Lockyer Valley Regional Council  
Mackay Regional Council  
North Burnett Regional Council  
Quilpie Shire Council  
Southern Downs Regional Council  
Tablelands Regional Council  
Toowoomba Regional Council  
Western Downs Regional Council



**SA**

District Council of Ceduna  
District Council of Grant  
District Council of Kimba  
District Council of Loxton Waikerie  
District Council of Mount Remarkable  
District Council of Tumby Bay  
Naracoote Lucindale Council  
Tatiara District Council  
Wattle Range Council

**VIC**

Colac Otway Shire Council  
Corangmite Shire Council  
GR Shepparton City Council  
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**WA**

Gingin Shire Council  
Dalwallinu Shire Council  
Lake Grace Shire Council  
Shire of Carnarvon  
Shire of Cranbrook  
Shire of Broomhill - Tambellup  
Shire of Coorow  
Shire of Quairading  
Shire of Corrigin  
Shire of Wiluna  
Dandaragin Shire Council  
Esperance Shire Council

**TAS**

Meander Valley Council  
Dorset Council

**NRMA**