7.3 Orana Joint Organisation

REPORT BY THE GENERAL MANAGER
TO 20 MAY 2020 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400087, GOR500034

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the General Manager on the Orana Joint Organisation;
2. continue its membership of the Orana Joint Organisation.

Executive summary

The Orana Joint Organisation (JO) Board met in April 2020 with the view of winding up the Orana JO at 30 June 2020. The Minister for Local Government wrote back to the JO Board explaining that they do not have the legislative power to windup the Board and that the Orana JO will continue after 30 June 2020. Each council member therefore has to make a decision to continue to support the Orana JO and this report recommends to Council that we continue to support the Orana JO.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Mid-Western Regional Council is considered the regional hub for the Orana JO as Dubbo Regional Council are not part of the Orana JO. This Council needs to show leadership and direction by supporting the other five member councils that make up the Orana JO.

The State Government is conducting a review of the structure and governance requirements of the JO. This review is expected to be completed by the end of September 2020. The JO Board therefore believes that it is best to operate in name only but not conduct any business until after the review is complete. It is important for Mid-Western Regional Council to demonstrate to the State Government that we are supportive of the JO structure and that we are looking forward to the review showing how we can be financially sustainable.

Community Plan implications

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Strategic implications

Council Strategies
Community Strategic Plan
Council Policies
Not applicable

Legislation
Local Government Act 1993
Local Government Regulations
Local Government (Regional Joint Organisations) Proclamation 2018

Financial implications

Expenses related to the Orana Joint Organisation are covered through existing budgets or will be presented to Council for resolution.

Associated Risks

Membership of the Joint Organisation is seen as a prudent requirement of Council to assist in its engagement and leadership on regional and State issues.

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER
6 May 2020

Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER