

16 August 2023

# ADVISORY BOARD

## Meeting 9

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### Details

Location: NRRC Regional Office, 120 Dalley Street, East Lismore

Date/time: Wednesday, 16 August 2023, 9:00am – 10:00am

### Chairperson

- Kieron Hendicott, Executive Director, Strategy, Planning & Development, NRRC

### Advisory Board in attendance:

- Sharon Cadwallader, Chair, Northern Rivers Joint Organisation
- Kiersten Fishburn, Secretary, NSW Department of Planning & Environment (via Teams)
- Andrew Hall, CEO, Insurance Council of Australia (via Teams)
- Jane Laverty, Regional Director, Northern Rivers Business NSW
- Mike Rayner, Former General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, technical expert, Tweed community member

### Guests:

- Simon Draper, CEO, NSW Reconstruction Authority
- Andrew Hegedus, A/Executive Chair, North Coast Aboriginal Development Alliance (via Teams)
- Brendan Moon, Coordinator-General, National Emergency Management Agency

### Apologies:

- Darren Kershaw, Executive Chair, North Coast Aboriginal Development Alliance
- David Witherdin, Chief Executive, NRRC

### NRRC staff:

- Gareth James, Executive Director, Program Delivery
  - Jamie Simmonds, Strategy, Planning & Development, NRRC
  - Kristie Clarke, Director Housing
  - Elysia Harradine, A/Director Strategy & Planning (via Teams)
  - Rowan Howarth, Director, Infrastructure Coordination Office
  - Craig Jenkins, Director Industry, Economic Recovery & Aboriginal Engagement
  - Jill Pattison, A/Director Business Operations, Governance & Performance (via Teams)
  - Kea Lambert, Project Officer Board Support
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## Introduction

- The NRRC Advisory Board met on 16 August 2023. Apologies were received from Darren Kershaw and David Witherdin
- An Acknowledgement of Country was conducted by the Chair.
- Board Meeting 8 was cancelled, with an out of session update provided to Board members.
- This is the final meeting of the NRRC Advisory Board as the NRRC transitioned into the NSW Reconstruction Authority on 1 July 2023 and the NSW Reconstruction Authority has its own Advisory Board.

## Reflections from Board members

- Board members shared their reflections and lessons learnt, one year since the Board was established.
- The Board acknowledged the scale and complexity of the task being undertaken by the NRRC, the commitment of all staff towards assisting the community, the importance of early and ongoing communication with the community and the importance of undertaking a 'lessons-learnt' exercise so that government and communities nationally and internationally can be better informed to deal with future natural disasters.
- The Board also recognised the dedication and effort of the Chief Executive, David Witherdin, and thanked him for his efforts.

## NRRC thanked Board members

- The Chair thanked current and former Board members for their dedication and contribution to the work of the NRRC. The Board has played a pivotal role in helping guide flood recovery and reconstruction efforts in the Northern Rivers.
- The Chair acknowledged that the Board has been highly engaged and effective in providing 'frank-and-fearless' advice to the NRRC and two-way communication on issues that are important to the community, key stakeholders, interest groups and the NRRC.