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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **KYOGLE MAYOR ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NOROC**

The Mayor of Kyogle, Cr Danielle Mulholland, has been elected President of the Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils (NOROC).

Councillor Mulholland was elected at the NOROC Annual General Meeting replacing Jenny Dowell, the former Mayor of Lismore, who retired at the recent Local Government elections.

“I am honoured to be the President of NOROC at a time when the NSW Government continues to implement its Fit for the Future reforms of the Local Government sector,” Cr Mulholland said.

“The next twelve months will see NOROC, and other similar regional entities in NSW, transition to a Joint Organisation, that will focus on strategic planning and priority setting, intergovernmental collaboration and regional leadership and advocacy,” she said.

“This is an exciting and challenging time for NOROC as we lay the foundations for the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation.

“The NSW Government says Joint Organisations are a crucial part of its plan to revitalise and strengthen regional NSW and will provide a forum for local councils and the State to work together on issues of regional strategic priority,” Cr Mulholland said.

“Councils will continue to work collaboratively through NOROC to ensure the collective interests of Local Government in the Northern Rivers are represented to the NSW and Federal Governments and their agencies, and the community,” she said.

Cr Simon Richardson, Mayor of the Byron Shire, was elected as the Deputy President of NOROC.

NOROC represents the six local government areas of Kyogle, Byron, Lismore, Richmond Valley, Ballina, and Tweed.

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