

MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE TATIARA CIVIC CENTRE ON FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2015 AT 10:00AM

President's welcome

Welcome by Tatiara District Council Mayor Graham Excell

1.0 MEMBERS/DEPUTY MEMBERS

1.1 Present

SELGA President	Mayor Erika Vickery
City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Andrew Lee Cr Penny Richardson
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Peter Gandolfi Cr Rob Dycer
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Cr Scott McLachlan
Kingston District Council	Mayor Reg Lyon Cr Kay Rasheed
District Council of Robe	Mayor Peter Riseley
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell Cr Robert Mock Cr Dianna Penniment

1.2 In Attendance

SELGA	Ms Ann Aldersey (Executive Officer)
City of Mount Gambier	Mr Mark McShane (CEO)
District Council of Grant	Mr Trevor Smart (CEO)
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Dr Helen Macdonald (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Mr Andrew MacDonald (CEO)
District Council of Robe	Mr Roger Sweetman (CEO)
Tatiara District Council	Mr Rob Harkness (CEO)

1.2 Guests and Observers

Department of State Development	Mr Dermott Cussen (Manager Manufacturing)
Local Government Association SA	Ms Lisa Teburea (Director Planning and Community Services)
SELGA	Mr Tony Elletson (Starclub Field Officer)
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe (Regional Coordinator – Limestone Coast)
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (Office of Local Government)	Ms Alex Hart (Acting Manager, Office of Local Government)
RDA Limestone Coast	Mr Mike Ryan (CEO) Mrs Biddie Shearing (Tourism Development Officer) Ms Alice Macleod (Administration Officer)
SELGA Media	Mr Alan Richardson
Tatiara District Council	Cr Jamie Jackson

1.3 Apologies

Minister for Local Government and Regional Development	Hon Geoff Brock MP
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP Mr Travis Fatchen
JBS Australia	Mr Trevor Schiller (Plant Manager Bordertown)
Coorong District Council	Cr Neville Jaensch
Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
Wattle Range Council	Mr Peter Harriott (CEO)

Moved, District Council of Robe; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That the apologies be accepted.”

CARRIED

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil.

3.0 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

3.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the February SELGA General Meeting held at Naracoorte on Friday 13th February 2015

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, Tatiara District Council

“That the Minutes of the SELGA General Meeting held on 13th February 2015 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”

CARRIED

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

All matters arising are addressed in the Action Sheet or Recommendation Reports

5.0 ACTION SHEET

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 **Inwards and Outwards**

Correspondence register to 2 April 2015.

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, Tatiara District Council

“That correspondence be received and noted by SELGA delegates.”

CARRIED

7.0 RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

7.1 SELGA Charter and Subscription Review

Moved, Wattle Range Council ; **Seconded**, District Council of Grant

“That SELGA refer the proposed revisions to the SELGA Charter to all Constituent Councils for review and feedback during April – May 2015.”

CARRIED

Moved, Wattle Range Council ; **Seconded**, District Council of Grant

“That SELGA recommend Model 1 as the preferred model to calculate SELGA Subscriptions and Project Fees.”

MOTION LOST

Moved, City of Mount Gambier ; **Seconded**, Kingston District Council

“That SELGA retain the current method used to calculate SELGA Subscriptions and Project Fees.”

Moved, Wattle Range Council ; **Seconded**, District Council of Grant

“That the motion lay on the table.”

MOTION LOST

The original motion was put and LOST

Moved, District Council of Robe ; **Seconded**, Tatiara District Council

“That SELGA recommend Model 4 as the preferred model to calculate SELGA Subscriptions and Project Fees.”

CARRIED

Moved, Grant District Council; **Seconded**, Tatiara District Council

“That SELGA refer to Constituent Councils the preferred model 4 to calculate SELGA Subscriptions and Project Fees for review and feedback during April – May 2015.”

CARRIED

7.2 SELGA Funding Agreements and Staff Resources 2015-16

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, City of Mount Gambier

“1. Pursuant to Section 3.6.16 of the SELGA Charter, and Sections 90(2) and 90(3) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Association orders that the public, with the exception of

Mr Mark McShane (City of Mount Gambier)

Mr Trevor Smart (District Council of Grant)

Dr Helen Macdonald (Naracoorte Lucindale Council)

Mr Andrew MacDonald (Kingston District Council)
Mr Roger Sweetman (District Council of Robe)
Mr Rob Harkness (Tatiara District Council)
Ms Ann Aldersey (SELGA)

be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider and discuss in confidence Item 7.2 SELGA Funding Agreements and Staff Resources; and

2. Is satisfied that the principle that meetings of SELGA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in relation to this matter because it relates to information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.”

CARRIED

Moved, Kingston District Council; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“**That SELGA:**

1. Provide direction on the future partnership with RDA Limestone Coast including required outcomes;
2. Form a small Working Party to commence discussions regarding the development of a two-year Agreement with RDA Limestone Coast to deliver economic development activities in the Region;
3. Approve the SELGA President and Executive Officer to discuss specific arrangements with RDA Limestone Coast to finalise the current Tourism Development Agreement;
4. Approve the SELGA Executive Officer to make arrangements for SELGA to engage a Regional Tourism Development Officer for a two-year term to 30 June 2017, subject to funding by Constituent Councils as part of the 2015-16 Budget; and
5. Note the contract expiry date for key SELGA staff positions and the need to ensure SELGA’s staff capacity to deliver on the regional program of works under the SELGA Strategic Plan.”

CARRIED

Moved, District Council of Robe; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“**That SELGA nominate Mayor Erika Vickery, Mayor Richard Sage, Cr Harvey Nolan, Dr Helen Macdonald, Mr Trevor Smart and Ms Ann Aldersey to the Working Party to commence discussions regarding the development of a two-year Agreement with RDA Limestone Coast to deliver economic development activities in the Region.”**

CARRIED

Moved, District Council of Grant; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“**That SELGA:**

1. Seek to have 3 nominees for membership of the RDA Limestone Coast Board for 3 year terms;
2. Endorse the use of an Memorandum of Understanding and /or Funding Agreement to formalise the arrangements;

3. Endorse the commencement of an internal SELGA Expression of Interest process to be concluded by the June 2015 SELGA General Meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting moved out of confidence.

7.3 SELGA Business Plan and Budget 2015-16

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, District Council of Robe

“That SELGA refer the draft Business Plan and Budget 2015-16 to Constituent Councils for comment, due 15th May 2015.”

CARRIED

7.4 Regional Tourism Development Program Work Plan

Moved, District Council of Robe; **Seconded**, City of Mount Gambier

“That SELGA:

1. Endorse the draft Work Plan for the Tourism Development Officer for 2015 – 2017 (2 financial years);
2. Provide any feedback by 15th May 2015.”

CARRIED

7.5 Regional Capacity Building Projects

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, Wattle Range Council

“That SELGA authorise the use of \$12,000 from the Regional Capacity Building Allocation Fund for the purpose of the Limestone Coast Regional Trails Implementation Priority Study & SELGA Original Minute Book Restoration.”

CARRIED

7.6 Limestone Coast Regional Trails Implementation

Moved, District Council of Robe; **Seconded**, City of Mount Gambier

“That SELGA:

1. Adopt the Final Limestone Coast Regional Trails Master Plan;
2. Approve and support the submitting of an application by SELGA under the Category 1, Community Recreation & Sports Facilities Program for the Regional Trails Implementation Project;
3. Provide in principle Letters of Support for the Community Recreation & Sports Facilities Program application, subject to budget approvals, by 14th April 2015; and
4. Consider allocating funds to this Regional Trails Implementation Project as part of the 2015/2016 Financial Year to the value of \$12,500.”

CARRIED

7.7 Special Local Roads Program Applications 2015-16

Moved, Wattle Range Council ; **Seconded**, District Council of Grant

“That SELGA:

1. Endorse the submission of five regional priority projects (R1-5) totalling \$1,171,000 for 2015-16 Special Local Roads Program.
2. Endorse the submission of an application for \$60,000 from Kingston District Council as the sixth ranked project (R-6).
3. Endorse the open call for Constituent Councils to submit an application for up to \$100,000 in grant funding in 2015-16, to be submitted at the seventh ranked project (R-7).”

CARRIED

7.8 South East Drainage Network Community Panel Findings

Moved, Wattle Range Council; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That SELGA write to Minister for Environment and Conservation Hon Ian Hunter MLC in support of the recommendations of the South East Drainage Network Community Panel, with copy to the Presiding Member South East Natural Resources Management Board, the Member for Mount Gambier and the Member for Mackillop.”

CARRIED

7.9 Executive Officer Performance Review

Moved, District Council of Robe; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That SELGA:

1. Endorse the process for the performance review of the SELGA Executive Officer, including the engagement of an external human resources consultant to coordinate the process;
2. Appoint a three person Review Committee, comprising the SELGA President, one SELGA Delegate and one Chief Executive Officer of a SELGA Constituent Council; and
3. Delegate completion of the Executive Officer’s performance review by 20th May 2015 to the Review Committee.”

CARRIED

Moved, Tatiara District Council; **Seconded**, City of Mount Gambier

“That SELGA appoint SELGA President Mayor Erika Vickery, Mayor Richard Sage and Mr Mark McShane to the Review Committee.”

CARRIED

7.10 SELGA Bank Signatories

Moved, Wattle Range Council; **Seconded**, Tatiara District Council

“That SELGA:

- 1. Authorise the cancelling of Steven Perryman and Richard Vickery as SELGA Bank Signatories.**
- 2. Authorise the addition of Mayor Erika Vickery and Mayor Richard Sage as SELGA Bank Signatories.**
- 3. Authorise the continuation of Ann Aldersey and Jan Shanahan as SELGA Bank Signatories.”**

CARRIED

7.10 Regional Road Safety – Roadside Trees

Moved, Wattle Range Council; **Seconded**, District Council of Grant

“That SELGA

- 1. Writes to Mr. Roger A Cook AM expressing our support for the removal of dangerous roadside trees and other roadside hazards;**
- 2. Records our appreciation for his efforts in highlighting the risks that are encountered by all who travel on our rural roads on a daily basis; and**
- 3. Writes to the South Australian Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Hon Stephen Mullighan MP to express our support for the removal of dangerous roadside trees and other roadside hazards or the installation of appropriate safety barriers.”**

CARRIED

8.0 INFORMATION REPORTS

8.2 Climate Change Project Update

8.3 Mining Protocol Update

Moved, City of Mount Gambier; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That SELGA receive and note the Reports.”

CARRIED

9.0 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

10.0 REPORTS

10.1 SELGA President’s Report

Mayor Erika Vickery highlighted a number of meetings attended on behalf of SELGA.

10.2 SELGA Executive Officer’s Report

Ann Aldersey tabled a written report, and highlighted the focus on briefing all Constituent Councils, working with the staff to prepare business plan, budget and project work plans for 2015-16, and moving into the

implementation phase of the Regional Planning Alliance and Regional Trails Master Plan projects.

10.3 Local Government Association of SA

Lisa Teburea, Director of Planning and Community Services provided a summary of the process to recruit a CEO of the LGA following the resignation of Wendy Campana.

The State Government has provided a response to the Planning Reform Recommendations, supporting (in part or in full) 22 of the recommendations. There is further opportunity for the South East to be a pilot region.

10.4 Office of Local Government

Ms Alex Hart, Acting Manager Office of Local Government, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

- Short term legislative reform is continuing with the preparation of a bill to go to parliament in May-June, in particular proposing changes to the Conflict of Interest provisions, Code of Conduct for elected members and employees.
- Longer term legislative reform in 2016 is being driven by the Premier-State and Local Government Forum, and is keen to seek input on regional arrangements.

10.4 Report from Tourism Development Officer

Biddie Shearing, Tourism Development Officer, RDA Limestone Coast spoke to her reporting, highlighting the success of the recent Limestone Coast Collaborative Forum, applications for regional events and festivals, and the Discover SA trade event which netted a number of trade bookings to the Limestone Coast.

10.5 Report from SELGA Starclub Field Officer

Tony Elletson, Starclub Field Officer spoke to his report, and in particular his focus on supporting clubs to achieve all the legal requirements that clubs need to meet. In 7 weeks in the role, Tony has met with over 30 clubs to date, supporting in seeking grants, completing the Starclub program and providing training.

10.6 Report from Regional Community Road Safety Officer

Rob Forgan

10.7 Report from SELGA Regional Waste Management Coordinator

Daniel Willsmore

10.8 Report from SELGA CEOs Group

Dr Helen Macdonald (Chair) provided a short update of the meeting held in March, highlighting the joint waste forum, the role of City of Mount Gambier to capture and collate images for regional marketing/collateral and the Group's actions to limit unnecessary reporting for CWMS.

10.9 Report from Limestone Coast Economic Diversification Group

Peta Crewe, Regional Coordinator PIRSA provided an update on Regional Development Fund 2015-16, with categories of Major Project and Community infrastructure. There is a regional RDF information session on 28 April in Mount Gambier.

Moved, Wattle Range Council ;**Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That the reports from the SELGA President, SELGA Executive Officer, Local Government Association, Office of Local Government, Tourism Development Officer, Starclub Field Officer, Regional Community Road Safety Officer, Regional Waste Management Coordinator, SELGA CEO Group and Limestone Coast Economic Diversification Group be received and noted.”

CARRIED

11.0 FINANCIAL

11.1 Accounts for Payment & Profit and Loss Statement

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council ;**Seconded**, District Council of Robe

“That Income from 1 February 2015 to 27 March 2015 totalling \$61,538.00 and Payments totalling \$112,400.37 as listed in EFT/EPs to be authorised for payment and the Profit and Loss Statement for the period 1 July 2014 to 31 March 2015 be received and noted.”

CARRIED

12.0 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

12.1 Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast

Mr Mike Ryan (CEO) spoke to his report highlighting information and opportunities that arose from a recent visit to Canberra, and feedback on current and future funding opportunities. RDA will provide a funding update to SELGA Constituent Councils.

12.2 South East NRM Board

Dr Helen Macdonald (SENRMB) provided an update on the Board's focus on the Drainage Network Community Panel, the consultation on the South East Flows Project and the Business Plan, which has changed from a 3 year to a 2 year plan, with a focus on partnership delivery models.

12.3 South East Flows Restoration Project

Mr Andrew MacDonald, CEO of the Kingston District Council provided an update as SELGA's representative on the Project Steering Committee. The engagement with the local landholders and Council has been good. In response to consultation, the project is exploring options of alternative or additional alignments, which may delay the project.

Moved, City of Mount Gambier ;**Seconded**, District Council of Robe

“That SELGA receives and note the Reports.”

CARRIED

13.0 OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Crystal Methamphetamine “Ice” in the South East

Moved, Wattle Range Council **Seconded**, District Council of Grant

“That SELGA:

- 1. Write to the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement to invite them to the Limestone Coast as part of their Inquiry, in particular to understand issues specific to Regional centres and communities; and**
- 2. Write to Mr Tony Pasin MP to seek his support for both the National Ice Taskforce and the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement to include the Limestone Coast in their Inquiry and fact finding, and for the region to be included in all initiatives coming out of both processes.”**

CARRIED

14.0 MEETING CLOSED – 1.05 p.m.

The next SELGA General Meeting is to be held in Mount Gambier on Friday 12 June 2015. Acceptances and apologies to SELGA Executive Officer Ann Aldersey
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