

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) is a regional subsidiary established by the seven Constituent Councils in the Limestone Coast region of South Australia; City of Mount Gambier, District Council of Grant, Kingston District Council, Naracoorte Lucindale Council, District Council of Robe, Tatiara District Council & Wattle Range Council.

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**LCLGA General Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2023**  
**hosted by the District Council of Robe**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

The LCLGA Board considered the following at the AGM

1. It was noted that the following had been previously approved by the LCLGA Board
  - a. The LCLGA Annual Report
  - b. The end-of-year financial statements to 30th June 2022
  - c. Meetings scheduled for 2023
2. The appointment of Dean Newberry Auditors for 2022/23 was confirmed.
3. Mayor Lynette Martin OAM was elected as President of the LCLGA until the 2024 AGM (to synchronise with the SAROC elections)
4. Mayor Des Noll was elected Vice-President of the LCLGA until the 2024 AGM (to synchronise with the SAROC elections)
5. It was confirmed that the President and Vice-President are the nominated representative of the Limestone Coast Regional Groupings of Councils to SAROC.
6. The members of the LCLGA Board were confirmed.
7. It was noted that sub-committees and nominations to outside organisations would be considered in a Board paper in the General Meeting and confirmed at the March General Meeting.
8. An honorarium for the President was confirmed at \$9,160, which was increased to account for inflation.

**GENERAL MEETING**

2. The Board received presentations and representation from:
  - a. Mr Evan Flint, Chair of the Regional Development Authority Limestone Coast (RDALC)
    - (i) Mr Flint welcomed the new and reappointed mayors and discussed broadly the key relationship they have with the LCLGA and the structure and role of the RDALC.
  - b. Mr Adam Gray, Executive Officer, South Australian Coastal Council Alliance (SACCA)
    - (i) Mr Gray introduced SACCA and spoke about their work and the upcoming planning process for the next four years.
  - c. Mr Clinton Jury, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of SA
    - (i) Mr Jury spoke about a range of matters, including advocacy, constitution review, the breaking news on the procedural matters with the AEC and the engagement with regions and regional LGA's via SAROC.
  - d. Mr Andrew Nesbitt, Central Coordinator, Climate Partnerships, DEW and LGASA
    - (i) Mr Nesbitt present on the Climate Partnerships model and latest data from DEW on climate change and the impacts we can expect in the short to medium term in the Limestone Coast.

3. The LCLGA Board considered the following at the meeting:

- a. SAROC representation, the report provided an overview of SAROC and noted the following matters:
  - (i) The SAROC election to fill the casual vacancy for the Limestone Coast Regional Grouping of Councils.
  - (ii) Timing of election and appointment cycles with the Local Government election cycle.
  - (iii) Process to raise matters with SAROC and the LGASA. The LCGA cannot raise policy matters with SAROC or the LCLGA for inclusion in their priorities unless a Limestone Coast Council has it endorsed by its Council first.
  - (iv) Note that SAROC are having a strategic planning workshop on the 1st of March and any matters we may wish (as a region) for SAROC to consider should be feed through to our SAROC representatives. The LCLGA will put out a call for items to our members.
- b. LCLAG Committees and Nominations to Outside Organisations, the Board approved:
  - (i) The review of committees and nominations, which has simplified the number and types of committees the LCLGA has.
  - (ii) Ceasing the occasional past practice of an elected member seeking membership to an advisory and operational committee. This creates a range of governance issues for a committee where there is an elected member on the committee who is seeking to advocate for a member council in this forum. These committees provide advice to the Board who may then seek approval from our member Councils which may then include the elected member who influenced the recommendation from the Committee in the first place.
  - (iii) Exiting historical arrangements with some outside organisations where nominations are made due to their constitution requiring local government representation. These organisations are now well established and operate in competitive environments with other service providers. We will be writing to these organisation to advise them of our intent to cease nominations from the LCLGA to them in the future. This will give them time to make the necessary adjustments to their constitution/s.
- c. Connected and Active Communities Project, the Board approved the CEO to negotiate with the ORSR on the scope and funding structure of this new projects (still very much in its formative stages). As part of this commitment, the Board agreed that the funding previously provided to support the now unfunded (from the State Government) StarClub project be directed towards this new project.
- d. Strategic Plan Reset and Business Plan, the Board noted this report.
  - (i) The Board is meeting in March to workshop a new Strategic Plan for the LCLGA to span the current electoral term.
  - (ii) Members are encouraged to consider what outcomes do you want the LCLGA to deliver over this period of time and to provide this feedback to their Mayor and CEO ahead of the workshop on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2023.
  - (iii) Included in this paper was the 2020/21 to 2026 financial viability plan to provide some indicative information to members on the likely investment in the LCLGA project and programs.
  - (iv) This pathway may change depending on the priorities from our members in the strategic planning process.
  - (v) Presently, the outcome is a 4.8% nominal increase; this assumes we can absorb CPI. This approach will result in a flattening of the recovery curve, notwithstanding we are potentially starting from a slightly higher base.

- e. LCLGA Charter Review, the Board approved the release of the proposed charter to our members for consideration.
  - (i) For the new charter to be adopted there needs to be unanimous approval from our member Councils.
  - (ii) Members have had over 12 months to feed in any issues or improvements they wish to make to the Charter. These have been included, as well as rationalising requirements, removing duplication and ensuring compliance with the Local Government Act.
- f. Regional Mobile Infrastructure inquiry, the Board approved the LCLGA to work with our member CEO's to develop and make a submission to this inquiry.
- g. Limestone Coast Radiation Treatment, the Board approved the LCLGA to support the City of Mount Gambier Advocacy for the establishment of a radiation treatment facility in the Limestone Coast.
  - (i) In considering this recommendation, there was discussion noting the LCLHN concerns around operations and there was some discussion on the CapEx v OpEx implications from the investment. Notwithstanding this there was consensus that this service should be available to the Limestone Coast Community.
- h. The President provided a detailed report on the work undertaken since the last Board meeting. This report is available in the meeting agenda papers on the LCLGA website.
- i. The Executive Officer provided a report on the activities of the LCLGA and noted the commencement of two new staff, Kate Napper (Destination Development Manager) and Emma Herring (Destination Development Coordinator).

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