

**MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE, MUNDULLA, ON FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016.**

**MEETING OPENED 10.02AM**

President's Welcome

Welcome by Tatiara District Council's Mayor Graham Excell.

- Welcomed Shadow Minister Mr Stephen Griffiths and Education Director Mr Adam Box
- Touched on the agriculture and hardships due to lack of rain
- Showed a small documentary on the Mundulla township

10.15am – Education Director Adam Box

- New learning method STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths)
- Limestone Coast Summit Workshops
  - o 600 educators attending from regional, state and international areas
  - o Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> in Mount Gambier
  - o Invitation has been extended for Councilors to attend a presentation by Bernard Salt (Economic Futurist)

10.40am – Mr Tony Pasin MP

- Mobile phone towers in the Barker area
- Roads to Recovery
- Drought
- Mount Gambier Airport and the National Regions Fund Application

10.55am – Mr Troy Bell MP

- Mental Health Cuts
- NRM Levy's

11.00am – Shadow Minister for Local Government and Planning, Mr Stephen Griffiths

- Rate Capping

11.40am – Morning Tea Break

11.55am – Resumption of LCLGA General Meeting

**1.0 MEMBERS/DEPUTY MEMBERS**

**1.1 Present**

LC LGA President	Mayor Erika Vickery
City of Mount Gambier	Cr Penny Richardson
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Peter Gandolfi Cr Robert Dycer
Kingston District Council	Mayor Reg Lyon
District Council of Robe	Mayor Peter Riseley
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell Cr Robert Mock



## 1.2 In Attendance

LC LGA	Mr Dominic Testoni (EO)
City of Mount Gambier	Mr Mark McShane (CEO)
District Council of Grant	Mrs Jane Featherstonhaugh (Deputy CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Mr Ben Gower (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 Robert Harkness (CEO)

## 1.2 Guests and Observers

Local Government Association SA	Ms Skana Gallery (Senior Policy Officer, Economic Development and Regions) Ms Tamsin Scholz (Project Officer, Economic Development)
LC LGA	Mrs Biddie Shearing (Tourism Industry Development Manager) Mrs Michaela Bell (Project Manager) Mr Tony Elletson (STARCLUB Field Officer) Ms Alice Macleod (Administration Officer) Mr Jackie Hao (Economic Development Officer)
LC LGA Media	Mr Alan Richardson
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe (Regional Manager – Limestone Coast)
Federal Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP – 10.20am arrival
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP – 10.30am arrival Mr Travis Fatchen (Electorate Officer) Mr Nash Linden (Work Experience Student)
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (Office of Local Government)	Ms Alex Hart (Acting Manager, Office of Local Government)

## 1.3 Apologies

Minister for Local Government and Regional Development	Hon Geoff Brock MP
Member for MacKillop	Mr Mitch Williams MP
Local Government Association SA	Ms Lisa Teburea (Executive Director Public Affairs)
City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Andrew Lee
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Cr Scott McLachlan Cr Craig McGuire
Kingston District Council	Cr Kay Rasheed



LC LGA	Mrs June Saruwaka (Regional Waste Management Coordinator) Mr Rob Forgan (Regional Community Road Safety Officer)
RDA Limestone Coast	Mr Mike Ryan (CEO) Mr Richard Vickery (Chair)
Coorong District Council	Mr Vincent Cammell (CEO) Cr Peter Wright

**“That the apologies be accepted.”**

**Moved,** District Council of Robe

**Seconded,** Tatiara District Council

**CARRIED**

## **2.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Any Delegate or staff member with a potential conflict of interest is asked to declare the interest on the supplied **Conflict of Interests Declaration Form** detailing what the conflict is and why they will not be participating in any item relating to that issue.

## **3.0 MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

- 3.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the February LC LGA General Meeting held in Robe on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**“That the Minutes of the LC LGA General Meeting held on 12 February 2016 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”**

**Moved,** District Council of Grant

**Seconded,** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

- 3.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the March LC LGA Special Meeting held on 1 March 2016.

**“That the Minutes of the LC LGA Special Meeting held on 1 March 2016 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”**

**Moved,** District Council of Grant

**Seconded,** Tatiara District Council

**CARRIED**

## **4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Business arising from the Minutes of the General Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Mr Dominic Testoni (LCLGA EO)

- Committee review survey forms have been returned



- It is proposed that recommendations will be brought before the Board at the June LCLGA Board Meeting

Nil business arising from the Minutes of the Special Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016

## 5.0 ACTION SHEET

## 6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

### 6.1 **Inwards and Outwards**

Correspondence register to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

Many of these correspondence items will have been received directly by member councils. Should any delegate wish to access any correspondence items listed, but not included with this agenda, they can be made available by contacting the LC LGA Executive Officer.

**“That correspondence be received and noted by LC LGA delegates.”**

**Moved,** City of Mount Gambier

**Seconded,** Kinston District Council

**CARRIED**

## 7.0 RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

### 7.1 **LCLGA Agreement for Heritage Advisory Services**

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**“It is recommended that LC LGA.**

1. Endorse and accept the Conditions of the Grant Offer for Heritage Advice in the Limestone Coast region from the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation for \$3,000.
2. Endorse the renewal of the Agreement with Habitable Places Architects for the provision of Heritage Advisory Services in 2016-21, providing for a total of 248 consulting hours with the addition of the State Heritage Grant of \$3,000 as per attachment subject to annual review.
3. Delegate the renewal of the Agreement to LCLGA President Mayor Erika Vickery.

**Moved,** District Council of Grant

**Seconded,** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

### 7.2 **Exemption from Audit Committee Requirements**

#### Executive Officer



It is recommended that LCLGA seeks all constituent Councils to consider supporting it in being exempt from having an Audit Committee based on the following:

1. the LCLGA Board has in place relevant internal control policies and procedures and these are periodically reviewed and updated;
2. the LCLGA Board's external auditor has provided an audit opinion that its internal controls are sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that its financial transactions are being conducted properly and lawfully;
3. all reports by the auditor are (or will be in the future) circulated to each constituent council (i.e. by way of the Annual Report and at a Board Meeting);
4. no evidence has come to light which strongly suggests that the LCLGA Board is not complying with its obligations under the Local Government Act 1999 and associated Regulations in all material respects;
5. the value of assets owned by the LCLGA Board does not appear unduly high for one not subject to audit committee requirements;
6. the level of annual operating expenses of the LCLGA Board does not appear unduly high for one not subject to audit committee requirements;
7. the predominant source of income of the LCLGA Board does not involve rates or charges levied directly on Council ratepayers; and
8. further the LCLGA Board requests all constituent Councils to table this matter at their next meeting and then to advise the Executive Officer of the LCLGA Board of the Council resolution."

**Moved,** District Council of Robe

**Seconded,** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Fire Safety Requirements for Buildings**

Executive Officer via Naracoorte Lucindale Council

"It is recommended that LC LGA Board:

1. Writes to the LGA and SAROC regarding the high cost imposed on regional community groups and businesses in complying with the National Construction Code and Australian Standard 2419.1 and seek amendments to reduce the cost burden to impacted community groups and businesses while still meeting reasonable fire safety standards.

**Moved,** Naracoorte Lucindale Council

**Seconded,** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

### **7.4 Board Process**

Executive Officer



“It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Note the oversight;
2. Seek clarification to ensure that motions passed by the board remain binding; and
3. Adhere to the prescribed procedures to ensure compliance with the Charter.

**Moved,** Tatiara District Council

**Seconded,** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

## **7.5 LCLGA Sporting Grants**

STARCLUB Field Officer

“It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Approve the spending of the monies for the grants.

**Moved,** Kinston District Council

**Seconded,** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

## **7.6 Regional Climate Change Action Plan**

Executive Officer via District Council of Robe

“It is recommended that LC LGA Board:

1. Establish a working group with South East Natural Resources Management and the RDA Limestone Coast to investigate and report a process for the implementation of the Regional Climate Action Plan.
2. That Mayor Peter Riseley (District Council of Robe) be nominated for the above working group.

**Moved,** District Council of Robe

**Seconded,** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

## **7.7 SEWCDS Draft Management Plan 2015-16 to 2018-19**

Executive Officer

“It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Prepare a response by the due date 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016, highlighting the risk to economic activity in the Limestone Coast Region if the under investment in bridge maintenance and replacement is allowed to continue.



**Moved,** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded,** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

## 7.8 Wellbeing and Resilience Project

Executive Officer

“It is recommended that the LC LGA Board:

1. Note the report.

**Moved,** City of Mount Gambier

**Seconded,** Tatiara District Council

**CARRIED**

## 7.9 Country Cabinet

Executive Officer

*Refer pages 75-96.*

“It is recommended that the LC LGA Board:

1. Note the response from the government and continue to advocate and lobby in line with the issues presented to the Premier and Cabinet.

**Moved,** District Council of Robe

**Seconded,** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

## 8.0 REPORTS

### 8.1 LC LGA President's Report

Mayor Erika Vickery provided an update on:

- The latest meetings that she has attended
- The China Delegation

#### 8.1.1 LGA Board

- (i) Key Outcomes of LGA Board Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015

#### 8.1.2 SAROC

- (i) Key Outcomes of SAROC Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### 8.2 Local Government Association of SA

Skana Gallery (Senior Policy Officer, Economic Development and Regions) provided an update on:

- Federal election strategy
- Rate capping
- Planning review



- Amendments to the Local Government Act
- NRM

**8.3 Report from LC LGA Starclub Field Officer**  
Tony Elletson

**8.4 Report from the Tourism Industry Development Manager**  
Biddie Shearing

**8.5 Report from LC LGA Regional Community Road Safety Officer**  
Rob Forgan  
Dominic Testoni (LCLGA EO) notified members that the Regional Community Road Safety Officer's contract had been extended until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

**8.6 Late Item 1**  
**Report from Economic Development Officer**  
Jackie Hao

"That the reports from the LC LGA President, Local Government Association SA, Starclub Field Officer, Tourism Industry Development Manager, Regional Community Road Safety Officer and Economic Development Officer be received and noted."

**Moved,** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded,** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

## **10.0 FINANCIAL**

**10.1 Accounts for Payment & Profit and Loss Statement**

1. "EFT/EPs be received and noted.
2. The Profit and Loss Statement for the period 1 July 2015 to March 2016 be received and noted.
3. That the Balance Sheet for the period ending March 2016 be received and noted."

**Moved,** District Council of Grant

**Seconded,** Tatiara District Council

**CARRIED**

## **10.0 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**10.1 South East NRM Board**  
Mayor Peter Riseley provided an update on the NRM levy.

Jane Featherstonhaugh provided an update on District Council of Grant's position in relation to the NRM levy.





1pm – Dr Helen Macdonald declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting due to being a Board Member of the NRM.

Mayor Richard Sage raised concerns about the proposed amendments to the NRM Levy and the impact this could potentially have on the District Council of Grant. The following was tabled as part of the discussion as these motions are included in the DC Grant Agenda for Council to debate Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.

1. Seek extension of time within which to respond to the request made by the NRM Board, such that the Valuer General's Office can consider and provide or confirm the relevant data: and/or
2. Lobby the Natural Resources Management Committee to not adopt the proposed amendment to the manner in which the basis for the levy is to be charged; and/or
3. Instruct Kelledy Jones lawyers to consider all of the circumstances of the approach and change in direction of the NRM Board leading to the current situation for the purposes of determining whether there are grounds to seek a judicial review of the actions and resultant decision of the NRM Board.

That LCLGA:

1. Receive and note the report.

**Moved,** Naracoorte Lucindale Council

**Seconded,** Tatiara District Council

**CARRIED**

1.05pm – Break for Lunch

1.40pm – Resumption of LCLGA General Meeting

“That LCLGA support District Council of Grant to:

1. Seek extension of time within which to respond to the request made by the NRM Board, such that the Valuer General's Office can consider and provide or confirm the relevant data: and/or
2. Instruct Kelledy Jones lawyers to consider all of the circumstances of the approach and change in direction of the NRM Board leading to the current situation for the purposes of determining whether there are grounds to seek a judicial review of the actions and resultant decision of the NRM Board..

**Moved,** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded,** District Council of Grant

“That the LCLGA lay the motion on the table.”

**Moved,** Tatiara District Council

**Seconded,** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

Wattle Range Council called for a division

**Members voting in the affirmative:** District Council of Robe, City of Mount Gambier, Naracoorte Lucindale Council, Kingston District Council and Tatiara District Council



**Members voting in the negative:** Wattle Range Council and District Council of Grant

The President declared the motion carried.

2.00pm – Dr Helen Macdonald re-entered the room.

### 10.2 Limestone Coast Economic Development Group

Dr Helen Macdonald provided an update on:

- Red meat cluster
- Steering Committee
- Limestone Coast Collaborative

### 10.3 LGA Update

Alex Hart (Office of Local Government) provided an update on:

- Review of code of conduct
- Draft bill is now out for consultation
- Local Government election reviews

**“That LC LGA receives and note the Reports.”**

**Moved,** Tatiara District Council

**Seconded,** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

## 11.0 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 11.1 Roads and Transport Working Group

“That the Minutes of the Roads and Transport Working Group Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

**Moved,** Kingston District Council

**Seconded,** Tatiara District Council

**CARRIED**

### 11.2 Roads and Transport Working Group

#### **Motion 1**

Updated timber flow maps have been provided by the Green Triangle Forest Owners that show high timber flows along Coles Spence and Coles Killanoola Road, and lower volumes along Elad Road that in data provided in 2012 when the 2030 Plan was produced. Sections of Coles Spence and Coles Killanoola Roads now meet criteria as regionally significant freight routes and Elad Road no longer meets the criteria and should be reduced to a locally important freight route.

Motion: It is recommended that the following classifications within the 2030 LCLGA Transport Plan is amended;

1. Coles Spence Road from Reid Road to Coles Killanoola Road, and Coles Killanoola Road to Diagonal Road are identified as regionally significant freight routes.
2. Elad Road be removed as a regionally significant freight route.



**Moved, District Council of Grant****Seconded, Tatiara District Council****CARRIED****Motion 2**

Motion: That Wandilo Forest Road from Kangaroo Flat Road to the Council boundary be classified as a 'freight route of regional significant'. This is based on a recent traffic survey which indicated that the average daily B-Double count was 39 movements with a total annual average daily traffic count of 640 vehicles, 26% classified as heavy vehicles. This is approximately 4 times the quantifiable definition in the 2030 regional transport strategy for a freight route of regional significance. Due to traffic count data

**Moved, District Council of Grant****Seconded, City of Mount Gambier****CARRIED****Motion 3**

After considering the information tabled by HDS and their assessment and ranking of the submissions the committee recommends the following priority list be adopted.

	<b>Council</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Road Type</b>	<b>Estimated Project Cost \$</b>	<b>\$ SLRP Sought</b>
1	Tatiara District Council	Meatworks Road	Freight	367,000.00	183,500.00
2	Tatiara District Council	Pigeon Flat Road	Community	284,000.00	142,000.00
3	Naracoorte Lucindale	Bool Lagoon Road	Tourism	830,000.00	415,000.00
4	DC Grant	Piccaninnie Ponds Road	Tourism	300,000.00	150,000.00
5	Wattle Range Council	Wandilo Forest Road	Freight	400,000.00	200,000.00
6	Naracoorte Lucindale	Coles Killanoola Road	Freight	783,000.00	391,500.00
7	Wattle Range Council	Furner Road	Community	200,000.00	100,000.00
8	Kingston DC	Agnes/Holland/Hanson Streets	Tourism	80,000.00	40,000.00
9	Naracoorte Lucindale	Coles Spence Junction	Freight	64,000.00	32,000.00
				<b>\$ 3,308,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,000.00</b>

As per the above table the level of funding being sought is circa \$1.6m. Councils have indicated that they may have additional projects to be considered and these will need to be completed by April 21<sup>st</sup> for consideration.

Motion: That the above priority list be adopted and that any further applications will be considered and ranked as a lower priority than those adopted above.

**Moved, Kingston District Council****Seconded, City of Mount Gambier****CARRIED****Motion 4**

Motion: That the quotation to provide independent review and meeting facilitation services as tabled by John Olson from HDS Australia be adopted.

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

**Motion 5**

Motion:

1. That the Transport Working Group as part of the committee review process and terms of reference amendment look to incorporate the suggestions as put forward by John Olson for the development of regional Action Plans with rankings as discussed.
2. That the committee hold further discussions with John Olson about the updating of the 2030 Regional Transport Plan.

**Moved,** District Council of Grant

**Seconded,** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

**Motion 6**

Motion: That Pigeon Flat Road between Meatworks Road and Cup a Cup Road be included as a locally important freight route in the 2030 Regional Transport Plan, based upon recent traffic data submitted by Tatiara District Council as part of their 2016-17 SLRP funding application for Pigeon Flat Road.

**Moved,** Tatiara District Council

**Seconded,** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

“That the Minutes of the Roads and Transport Working Group Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

**Moved,** Naracoorte Lucindale Council

**Seconded,** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

**11.3 Limestone Coast and Coorong Coastal Management Group**

“That the Minutes of the Limestone Coast and Coorong Coastal Management Group Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

**Moved,** City of Mount Gambier

**Seconded,** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

**11.4 Limestone Coast Economic Development Group**

“That the Minutes of the Limestone Coast Economic Development Group Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

**Moved,** Tatiara District Council

**Seconded,** Kingston District Council

**CARRIED**

**11.5 Coastal Projects Steering Committee**

Mrs Michaela Bell provided an update on two coastal projects in which the LCLGA have engaged DEWNR to engage in the region:

- The Limestone Coastwatcher's
- Implementing the Lower Limestone Coast and Coorong Action Plan



- 5 year project valued at \$2.828 million, due to be completed on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

“That the Minutes of the Coastal Projects Steering Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

**Moved,** Kingston District Council

**Seconded,** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

## **12.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **12.1 Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast**

Alan Richardson provided a report on behalf of Mike Ryan (CEO) and Richard Vickery (Chair) outlining:

- Recent meetings attended
- China delegation

Dominic Testoni (LCLGA EO) provided information on a Southern Border Fire Committee meeting he attended in Heyward. It covered water bombing planes and plans to make these more accessible throughout the entire fire season.

## **13.0 MEETING CLOSURE – 2.30PM**

The next LC LGA General Meeting is to be held at Grant District Council on Friday 10 June 2016. Acceptances and apologies to LC LGA Administration Officer, Alice Macleod  
Phone 87231057 or Email [admin@lclaga.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@lclaga.sa.gov.au)

Passed as a true and correct record

Signed.....Date.....

