



Limestone Coast Local Government Association

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**NOTICE** is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting  
of the  
**Limestone Coast Local Government Association Board**  
is to be held at the  
**Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre**  
**7 Margaret Street Mount Gambier**  
on  
**Friday 14 February 2025**  
**commencing at 10am**

Colin Byles  
Interim Executive Officer  
Limestone Coast Local Government Association

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## Board Members

City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Lynette Martin OAM - <i>President</i>
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Liz Goossens – <i>Vice President</i>
District Council of Grant	Mayor Kylie Boston
District Council of Robe	Mayor Lisa Ruffell
Kingston District Council	Mayor Jeff Pope
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mayor Patrick Ross
Wattle Range Council	Vacant

## CEO's / Staff

CEO or Staff		
City of Mount Gambier	Sarah Philpott	CEO
Tatiara District Council	Anne Champness	CEO
District Council of Robe	Nat Traeger	CEO
Kingston District Council	Ian Hart	CEO
LCLGA	Colin Byles	Interim Executive Officer
LCLGA	Tony Elletson	Connected & Active Communities Officer
LCLGA	Kate Napper	Destination Development Manager

## 1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

## 1.1 HOST MAYOR – Mayor Lynette Martin OAM

## WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL  
CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY.

*WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND  
AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR FIRST  
NATIONS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THE LAND.*

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## 2. APOLOGIES

**Board Member apologies:**

Wattle Range Council No member nominated

**Board Members Leave of Absence:** Nil

**CEO's/Staff apologies:**

Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Trevor Smart CEO
Wattle Range Council	Ben Gower CEO
District Council of Grant	Darryl Whicker CEO

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### 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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That the Minutes of the LCLGA Board Meeting held on 13 December 2024 held at Kingston District Council Chambers be taken as read and confirmed.

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**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

*Pursuant to Division 1, Part 4, Chapter 5 of the Local Government Act 1999, a Board Member who has an interest in a matter within the Agenda must disclose the interest to the Board.*

Agenda Report No and Title	ADD
Board Member Name and Council	ADD
Type of interest	GENERAL/MATERIAL CONFLICT
Members Interest in the Matter:	Explanation provided here
Member participating in Meeting?	YES/NO
Reasons for Participating:	Explanation provided here
Member Voting on matter?	YES/NO

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**5. BUSINESS ADJOURNED**

Nil

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**6. MINUTE ACTION LIST**

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No	Meeting Date	Subject	Resolution	Officer/ Council	Progress commentary	Status	Due date	Updated due date
	13/12/24	10.1 4WD messaging	That the LCLGA leverage the learnings from the positive effort o define and control 4WD messaging from Robe to Beachport Coastline and seek to continue this work with all Coastal Councils. That a working party be formed to consider the merit of a consistent approach to 4WD messaging around access to coastlines	EO	No progress to date		March 24	
	13/12/24	9.6.4 DIT Transport Strategy	That the Interim Executive Officer prepare a response on behalf of the LCLGA to the public consultation on the development of a Transport Strategy to shape the future for the next 30 years.	EO	Response submitted  Completed		Dec 24	
	13/12/24	9.6.2 LCRSA – Business Case	1. That the Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy transition to an incorporated Not-For-Profit association.  2. That the LCLGA officers meet with individual councils to discuss a funding contribution from their Council.	EO LCRSA – Admin Officer	About to commence discussions with Council’s		April 25	
	13/1224	9.4.1 Budget Review 1 2024-25	That the LCLGA Board adopt Budget Review 1 as presented to the Board on the 13 December 2024	EO	2024-25 Budget figures updated.  Completed		Jan 25	
2	21/06/24	11.2 LCLGA Budget for 2024/25	Motion without notice 1. A report be provided to the Board outlining South Australia Coastal Council Alliance (SACCA) funding arrangements and reconciliation of funds and any financial matters that may have an effect, either positive or negative on the LCLGA  <i>Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale , Seconded: Tatiara</i>	EO	Proposed for October meeting  <i>Deferred to restructure considered</i>		9/08/24	Feb 24

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5	21/06/24	12.3 Destination Development Review	2. As a consequence of the SATC report, the Destination Development Manager arrange for a comprehensive briefing of the Board by the SATC on the Regional Review. 3. The Destination Development Manager provide the Board with an implementation and transition plan to reflect the objectives of the Regional Review and engaged the Board in refocusing the Limestone Coast Destination activities in conjunction with that review, by December 2024 in order to be ready for the 2025/2026 Financial Year. <i>Moved: Tatiara Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale</i>	DDM	- South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) have been invited to present to the LCLGA Board at the August 2024 LCLGA Board Meeting. Presented at August 24 Board meeting.  The Regional Tourism Review implementation plan from SATC has been delayed thus denying LCLGA the ability to develop a local plan. Further information to be provide by SATC in late January 2025		2. 09/08/24 3. Dec 24	Feb 24
6	21/6/24	14.1 Confidential Item – Consideration of Legal Advice Received		EO	Confidential report provided August Board meeting			
7	21/6/24	Special Meetings – Confidential items		EO	Series of special meetings held in confidence. Collated for October meeting.			Feb 24
8	19/04/24	10.3 Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference	1. Defer to the next Board Meeting based upon further information from District Council of Grant. <i>Moved: Wattle Range , Seconded: Kingston</i>	EO and Grant	Further information to be provided at October meeting			Apr 25
11	16/02/24	10.2.2 Eyes on Eyre	2. Request the Executive Officer to obtain more information about resources, including costing. 3. Present findings to the LCLGA Board at the LCLGA April Board Meeting. <i>Moved: Tatiara, Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale</i>	EO	Phone discussions have already been held with the EO of EPLGA. A meeting is set for September with all other LGA EO's in the State.  Awaiting structure review to be completed		19/04/24	Feb 24
12	16/02/24	11.2 Executive Officer's Report – Material Recovery Facility	2. The EO of LCLGA to approach Marsden and Jacobs for a return brief – Scoping Document. <i>Moved: Robe, Seconded: Kingston</i>	EO	- Approached Marsden and Jacobs for a return brief. - Scoping document received. - The return brief was circulated to CEOs. The matter was discussed with Mayors and CEOs at the strategic planning session and agreed to defer further action pending further engagement with Green Industries SA and consideration of options for subregional collaboration. - to be followed up by EO EO awaiting information from Green Industries		19/04/24	Mar 24
13	16/02/24	11.2 Executive Officer's Report – FSC Range	3. Working group to review the FSC Range Consulting. The 3 Councils involved – Wattle Range Council, District Council of Grant and District Council of Robe review the works thus far and provide recommendations regarding the future works contracted to FSC. <i>Moved: Robe, Seconded: Kingston</i>	Wattle Range, Grant, Robe	Delays experienced however community engagement stage should be commencing shortly. Familiarity with the grant outcomes and acquittal process should occur as a priority and the Interim EO will seek clarification from Wattle Range Council.		16/02/24	Feb 24

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14	16/02/24	14.1 Country Health Connect Services in the Limestone Coast	2. Support Advocacy of the Mayors to meet with the Health Minister. <i>Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale, Seconded: Wattle Range</i>	EO	- Support Advocacy of the Mayors to meet with the Health Minister. - Draft date for 30/05/2024. - Was deferred by agreement of LCLGA Board. <i>Need to establish topics to discuss with Minister.</i>		30/05/24	
15	16/02/24	14.2 Audit and Risk Committee and EO Remuneration Committee	1. That the terms of reference be reviewed and updated for the Audit and Risk Committee and the Executive Officer Remuneration Committee. 2. The updated terms of reference are to be tabled at the April LCLGA Meeting 2024. <i>Moved: Grant, Seconded: Robe</i>	EO	- Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk and EO Remuneration Committee were reviewed and presented to the LCLGA Board in April 2024 but deferred upon further information from District Council of Grant. Not yet received <i>See Item 5</i>		19/04/24	
16	8/12/23	10.4 LCLGA - Council Funding Model	1. That the LCLGA Executive Officer develop a discussion paper on the LCLGA subscription format, including alternative models, and present that back to the Board. <i>Moved: Kingston, Seconded: Tatiara</i>	EO	- LCLGA EO. to develop a discussion paper on subscription format, including alternative models. -Report was produced for Feb 2024 Meeting. <i>Board to consider the process moving forward On hold to restructure considered</i>		16/02/24	Feb 24
17	13/10/23	10.1 Strategic Plan Review	1. That the Strategic Plan reset workshop be deferred to February/March 2024. <i>Moved: Tatiara, Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale</i>	EO	- Was postponed till Feb/Mar 2024. - Workshops were held on 22/3/2024, 19/4/2024. - Was going to be presented at June 2024 LCLGA Board Meeting but deferred due to EO resignation. <i>Awaiting new EO appointment</i>		21/06/2024	Apr 24
19	13/10/23	10.5 Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy Report	1. That the Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy (LCRSA) should move to being a Body Incorporated with a Board of Management (similar to Substance Abuse) over the next 6 to 12 months. This would include negotiations for ongoing support from state bodies, local government, and private sponsorship. 2. A Business Case to substantiate the viability of the LCRSA becoming a body incorporated be developed. <i>Moved: Tatiara, Seconded: Wattle Range</i>	CAC Officer	Review report has been received and is currently under review by LCLGA staff. LCLGA Board report proposed for end of August meeting to enable Councils to present to their Chamber in September with the view to adoption of proposal by the LCLGA Board at its October meeting.  <i>In December Board Meeting Agenda</i>  <i>Completed</i>		21/06/2024	Dec 24
20	12/08/22	7.7 LCLGA Staff - Expanded Program Co-ordinator Role	1. Approved the creation of a full-time graduate level role to replace the part-time Program Co-ordination position. 2. Authorised the Executive Officer, Mr. Wright the flexibility to make his own judgement on the appropriate salary level for the new position. <i>Moved: Robe, Seconded: Wattle Range</i>		On hold until after the strategy review and appointment of a new E.O. Deferred until subsequent LCLGA Board consideration. <i>Seeking feedback from Board.</i>  <i>Deferred to the restructure considered</i>			Feb 24
21	17/06/22	7.6 Incubation Projects	1. Approve the Executive Officer to develop a process for the sourcing and management of incubation projects. <i>Moved: Wattle Range, Seconded: Mount Gambier</i>	EO	- For new EO to consider with the Board after the strategic planning workshop. - Deferred until subsequent LCLGA Board consideration. <i>Likely to be performed by appointed EO</i> <i>Deferred to restructure considered</i>		10/02/2023	Apr 24



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	14/08/20	7.4 Independent Member - Risk and Audit Committee	<p>Approve the Risk and Audit Committee to recruit and appoint an independent member to the Risk and Audit Committee, with a maximum cost of \$3,000 pa and that the terms of reference are amended to allow an independent committee member.</p> <p><i>Moved: Grant, Seconded: Mount Gambier</i></p>	EO	<p>- To be completed with the new EO and Audit and Risk Committee.</p> <p>- New Terms of Reference were tabled at 19 April 2024 Board Meeting.</p> <p>- Resolution to defer to the June 2024 LCLGA Board Meeting based upon further information from District Council of Grant</p> <p>Resolution was not put up at the June 2024 LCLGA Board Meeting. Further work required on Terms of Reference.</p> <p><i>It is to be noted there are two other motions in relation to the Audit &amp; Risk Committee</i></p> <p><i>Deferred to restructure considered</i></p>			Apr 24

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## 7. PRESENTATIONS/VERBAL REPORTS

### 7.1 MR. STEVE BOURNE, GENERAL MANAGER, LIMESTONE COAST LANDSCAPE BOARD Attachment 1 Amendment of the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan

Mr. Bourne will provide an update the Board

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## 8. EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

### 8.1 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Report Author:** Jennifer Schilling, Principle Regional Advisor

**Attachments:** Nil

**Recommendation**

No Report

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### 8.2 HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICE

**Report Author:** Ian Hamilton, Arcuate Architecture Director

**Attachments:** Attachment 2 HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICE

**Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

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### 8.3 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA – LIMESTONE COAST

**Report Author:** Lauren Oxlade, CEO

**Attachments:** To be provided prior to the meeting

**Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

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8.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Report Author:** Andrew Lamb, Director Advocacy

**Attachments:** Nil

**Recommendation**

No report

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8.5 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COASTAL COUNCILS' ALLIANCE

**Report Author:** Adam Gray, CEO

**Attachments:** Nil

**Recommendation**

No report

**REPORT PROVIDED**

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8.6 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Report Author:** Ian McKay, Regional General Manager

**Attachments:** Nil

**Recommendation**

No report

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9. **LCLGA REPORTS**

9.1 DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT

**Report Author:** Kate Napper, Destination Development Officer

**Officers consulted:** Emma Herring, Destination Development Coordinator

**Strategic Reference:** LCLGA Strategic Plan – Building a Stronger Economy  
Goal – Value of tourism to the region continues to increase

Destination Development Strategy 2025 strategic initiatives  
Priority Area 1: Marketing

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Priority Area 2: Visitor Servicing  
Priority Area 3: Events  
Priority Area 4: Experience Development  
Priority Area 6: Governance + Collaboration  
Priority Area 8: Promote Value of Tourism

**Budget Implications:** in accordance with budget

**Risk Assessment:** Low

**Attachments:** None

**Recommendation**

That

1. the report be received and noted.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Continued effort towards the regional actions outlined in the Destination Development Strategy, focusing on digital storytelling, industry connection, and collaboration.

General updates as follows.

- Limestone Coast Tourism Management Group (LCTMG) meeting held 5 December (online).
- Destination Development team supported delivery of the Limestone Coast Industry Forum on 4 December with SATC seeking input on refresh of Visitor Economy Sector Plan 2030.
- Destination Development Manager attended the SATC Destination Management Plan workshop with fellow Regional Tourism Managers on 5 December 2024. The Tourism Collective has been appointed to deliver these plans and provided an overview of the project outline and development phases. Regional Tourism Managers will play an active role in the project rollout, which includes collating background supporting information, implementing the local communications plan, and assisting with the delivery of regional stakeholder workshops. SATC have advised that the Limestone Coast Destination Management Plan is scheduled to begin development in April 2025.
- Destination Development Manager is scheduled to attend an engagement session on the new SATC destination brand on 25 February and will provide an update as relevant.
- The Regional Tourism Review is ongoing, with communications and consultations now being managed through the Destination Management Zone Chairs Reference Group.

**BACKGROUND**

Updates specific to initiatives and actions set out in the Destination Development Strategy as follows.

**Priority Area 1: Marketing**

- The regional marketing investment continues to be an effective way of showcasing what the Limestone Coast has to offer to potential visitors, while also engaging a

- highly active audience. The social media performance for the October to December quarter was particularly strong, with 126 organic posts reaching 751,185 people (this is natural reach, not paid)—a 34.02% increase compared to the previous quarter. This marks the highest reach we've ever had for two consecutive quarters, which is a remarkable achievement, especially considering the general decline in organic reach on both Facebook and Instagram. The @limestonecoast social media community is also growing, with 15,398 followers on Instagram (up 3.06% from the previous quarter) and 8,833 followers on Facebook (up 6.41% from the previous quarter).
- Providing input on SATC's Gather Round campaign planning to leverage road trip activations in the Limestone Coast and working to engage local businesses in the region to encourage participation in the Festival of Footy associated events program.
- Coordinating the rollout of SATC-funded regional marketing support, including filming with *South Aussie with Cosi* in March and marketing activities with *Hello SA TV*. In addition, a regional co-operative digital and broadcast campaign is being developed, offering local businesses the opportunity to buy into the campaign and be featured in TV segments with *Hello SA*, a travel and lifestyle show airing weekly on Channel 9 nationally. This initiative will allow businesses to collaborate, amplifying their collective reach and increasing exposure for the Limestone Coast. Filming is scheduled for the coming months, with segments airing in May/June 2025, strategically targeting the off-peak winter months when visitation typically slows.
- Ongoing review and monitoring of region's presence on Australian Tourism Data Warehouse. Conducting direct outreach to businesses with expired or inactive listings in consultation with Councils.

#### **Priority Area 2: Visitor Servicing**

- Supporting the coordination of the 2025 edition of the Visitor Guide in partnership with HWR Media, with production now underway and the new edition expected to be available in Autumn 2025.
- Coordinated the circulation of updated messaging for the 4WD Around Robe and Beachport map, along with access updates, to all visitor servicing outlets across the Limestone Coast in December 2024. This ensured that key information was communicated ahead of the holiday period. Supporting resources, including key messaging and talking points for visitor servicing teams, were also provided, along with the updated Ultimate 4WD Guide to the Limestone Coast blog on the Visit Limestone Coast website.

#### **Priority Area 3: Events**

- Outreach to local industry regarding the SATC Regional Event Funding opportunity, which opened on 23 January 2025. There are two categories of funding: Established Event and Development Event (new/emerging), with up to three years of funding available. All prior Limestone Coast event recipients have been contacted about this funding round, and letters of support are being offered where applicable.

#### **Priority Area 4: Experience Development**

- In December 2024, the recipients of the third round of the SATC's Experience Nature Tourism Fund (ENTF) grants were announced. Three Limestone Coast projects were awarded a total of \$77,494 in funding: Penola Coonawarra Caravan Park,

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Coonawarra Experiences, and Walk the Limestone Coast. The LCLGA provided letters of support for these applications. Out of the 13 projects funded across South Australia, three were from our region, reflecting positive engagement from the Limestone Coast. Applications for the fourth and final ENTF round will open in mid-2025, with support offered to unsuccessful applicants to incorporate feedback and reapply next year.

### 1. Priority Area 6: Governance + Collaboration

- Sharing regular weekly updates and communication with industry via the Tourism Industry Network Facebook Group with posts reaching 650+ Limestone Coast members.
- Maintaining delivery of bimonthly Limestone Coast Tourism Industry updates e-newsletter to a database of over 300 tourism stakeholders with above average open rate of 58% (Industry average for Government sector emails is 40.55%<sup>1</sup>).
- The Destination Development Manager has met with the new SA Cross Border Commissioner to discuss cross-border tourism opportunities, the challenges and opportunities that arise from cross-border tourism, and to provide an update on destination development projects. The discussion also covered existing MOUs and their potential role moving forward.

### 2. Priority Area 8: Promote Value of Tourism

- Tourism hashtag #visitlimestonecoast continues to be an important way to unify and collect social media stories across the Region. The hashtag has been used a total of 9,937 times since it was promoted in November 2020 with a total of 614 individual uses between Oct - Dec 24.
- Partnering with Tourism Industry Council SA to deliver a Limestone Coast capability-building workshop and networking event in early April 2025, focused on storytelling, with details to be announced shortly.

3.

<sup>1</sup> Mailchimp Email Marketing Benchmarks and Metrics 2024

## 9.2 CONNECTED AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES REPORT

**Report Author:** Tony Elletson, Connected and Active Communities Officer

**Officers consulted:** N/A

**Strategic Reference:** LCLGA Strategic Plan – Building a Stronger Economy

**Budget Implications:** in accordance with adopted budget

**Risk Assessment:** Low

**Attachments:** Nil

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To partner with community to establish and foster relationships that grow localised capacity to build and deliver impactful physical activity initiatives.

**BACKGROUND**

The CAC officer has been on annual leave over the reporting period but has been working on the following.

- 40 students between the ages of 15 and 17 from across South Australia will participate in the inaugural Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing Young Leaders Program. 10 Limestone Coast students have the opportunity to be selected. This is a fully subsidised program with no cost to the participant.

Key highlights of the Young Leaders Program include,

- Learn Understand the inner workings of a sporting club,
- The issues affecting sport and how to make sporting clubs more accessible to the community.
- Develop your communication skills, leadership and emotional intelligence and undertake sporting medical support training.
- Experience Get first-hand experience within a community sporting club and apply your skills and learning practically.

The course will consist of – Physical Recreation - 6 months of Physical Activity (1 hour per week for 6 months)

Voluntary Service - 3 months of volunteering at a community organisation/sporting club (1 hour per week for 3 months)

Skill Development - 5 workshops: ·

- How to increase participation in sport (delivered by ORSR)
- How does a sporting club run (delivered by ORSR)
- Improving your communication (deliverer TBC)
- Developing your life skills and emotional intelligence (delivered by Global Community Sports)
- Maintaining your members health (delivered by SA Sports Medicine Association)
- Communication workshop, focussing on the following areas: Confidence, running a meeting, Grant writing, Having difficult conversations, How to influence, Social media training.

\*Workshops to occur between February and June.

Plus 1 of either:

- Community Coaching Essential Skills (Delivered by Australian Sports Commission)

- Community Officiating Essential Skills (Delivered by Australian Sports Commission).

We will try and have all workshops delivered in person; the Australian Sports Commission is an online course.

- Adventurous Journey Overnight stay at AFL Max (TBC)
- Tour of new ORSR/SASI
- Cultural Awareness Training (delivered by Tjindu Foundation)

This program is free of costs to the participants, and they are able to gain a minimum of 10 SACE Points, by completing the program.

Applications close 21st February, nominations have been solid so far and are from across the region. We are working hard to ensure we have at least 1 person from all 7 council areas in the program

- The South Australian Sports Medicine Association, in partnership with CAC will be running Sports Trainers Courses, Sideline Help and Concussion Courses in the region in February. Course details below.
- Periods, Pain, Endometriosis Program Sports Talks - The Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia and CAC are running workshops in the region on March 17th-19th.

We will be targeting female sports, players, coaches and parents to attend these free sessions. Periods, pelvic pain and endometriosis can stand in the way of equal opportunity in sport.

We are here to change that. PEPP Talk Sports is an interactive workshop equipping players, coaches and support people with relevant resources and helping to shape period-positive sport.

The Program promotes physical activity. Provides movement and exercise tools for managing pain and supports continued participation.

Venues are being finalised now.

- Mental Health Wellbeing Project. Feel Better Limestone Coast and CAC are working on a Mental Health Wellbeing Project for clubs.

The aim of this project is to provide clubs with free training on being a Mental Health Wellbeing Support person. This will also include ongoing training, resources and a support network that will connect regularly.

This network will consist of fellow trained Support persons across the region and the Industry trained professionals in this field. All council areas and all clubs will be offered access to this project.



We are also finalising a study on work that has been done already in this space at a local club (Nangwarry Football Club), that will provide data and facts on the benefits of this program.

We are also working with Government on this, as it is not being done anywhere else in the state and could potentially be a pilot program that is rolled out across SA.

- The Active State Collaboration Project directly supports the Office for Recreation and Sports Strategic Plan to increase involvement of people in sport and active recreation activities so that they can experience the many physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing benefits that participation brings.
- This funding program is more aimed at councils and Sporting Organisations, not at local clubs. If you would like some more information, please see the link below or contact me directly.

<https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/grants/active-state-collaboration-program>

- The CAC Officer is also continuing to provide clubs with Governance and off field support, including, Constitution, Strategic Planning and Grant/Funding support.



# Sports Medicine COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

**THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY****BORDERTOWN**

Sideline Help & Concussion Course  
6:30pm - 8:30pm  
BORDERTOWN CIVIC CENTRE

**FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY****MILLICENT**

Sideline Help & Concussion Course  
6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Millicent Football Club

**SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY****MOUNT BURR**

Level 1 Sports Trainer Course  
9:00am - 4:30pm  
Mt Burr Football & Netball Club

**SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY****MT GAMBIER**

Level 2 Sports Trainer Course  
9:00am - 4:30pm  
Uni SA / Mt Gambier Campus

**MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY****ROBE**

Sideline Help & Concussion Course  
6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Robe Football Club

For additional  
details on each  
workshop, or to  
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**9.3 LIMESTONE COAST REGIONAL SPORTING ACADEMY REPORT**

**Report Author:** Rhiannon Zammit, Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy Administration Officer

**Officers consulted:** Tony Elletson, Interim Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy Officer

**Strategic Reference:** LCLGA Strategic Plan – Building a Stronger Economy

**Budget Implications:** in accordance with budget

**Risk Assessment:** Low

**Attachments:** Nil

**Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy provides a 12-month program to sub-elite athletes across the Limestone Coast that supports them to achieve elite pathways while residing in and benefiting from our expertise and resources.

Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy Bi-Monthly Update:

- The 2025 Academy Athlete Nominations have now closed. There were a total of 83 nominations received for 2025. All of the appropriate State Sporting Organisation's (SSO) have been advised of the nominations and they have put forward their recommendations for the selection of athletes.

All 83 nominations have been selected for 2025 and all 83 athletes have received their acceptance letters.

- The 2025 Induction session will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February at UniSA Campus, Mount Gambier.
- We are in the early stages of assisting the Riverland to explore implementation of a Sporting Academy based upon the Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy.
- Early January 2025, Academy athletes Lucy Dening, Edward Kutny, Nevae Brooksby and Aynslee Hayman participated in the SA Country Swimming Championships held in Mount Gambier. All four athletes swam exceptionally well, came home with some fantastic results and medals.
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- Lone Star athlete, Liam Bidese, represented South Australia at the National Futsal Championships, in Melbourne from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.
- Cycling athletes Amali Judd, Molly Opperman, Xavier Farmilo, Ethan McKenny and Miles Kroon, along with Academy Cycling Coach Rob Mann, competed at the AusCycling VIC Clubs and Community Christmas Carnival, from the 28 – 30 December 2024.

Molly Opperman came away with the Gold medal in the Victorian 5kms Scratch Race and Coach Rob Mann received a Silver medal in the Master 6 Victorian Scratch Race. The talent in our cycling athletes is getting stronger and stronger.

- Tennis athletes Sam Haase and Alita Huyser represented Regional South Australia at the QLD Junior Teams Carnival & Roy Emerson Junior Championships, in December 2024.

**9.4 FINANCE REPORT****9.4.1 Budget Review 2**

**Report Author:** Vanessa McDonald, LCLGA Finance Consultant

**Officers consulted:** Colin Byles, Interim EO LCLGA

**Strategic Reference:** LCLGA Strategic Plan – Building a Stronger Economy

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**Risk Assessment:** Low

**Attachments:** Attachment 3

**Recommendation**

That Budget Review 2 as at the 31 December 2025 be received and adopted by the LCLGS Board.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Budget Review 2 is presented (attached) based on the end of December 2024 figures.

The Budget Review 2 figures show an improvement in the Budget Deficit of \$14,855, which now shows as a projected Budget Deficit of \$38,758 for the 24-25 financial year.

A major contributor to the reduced deficit was the reduction in Wages and Superannuation with the resignation of the Administration Officer and who has not been replaced.

All the other changes to the budget figures are explained in the comment's column.

**9.5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Report Author:** Mayor Lynette Martin OAM, LCLGA President

**Officers consulted:** N/A

**Strategic Reference:** LCLGA Strategic Plan – Building a Stronger Economy

**Budget Implications:** N/A

**Risk Assessment:** Low

**Attachments:** Nil

**Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO LCLGA BOARD MEETING 14 FEBRUARY 2025**

Following our last Board Meeting held on 13 December, I have not attended any meetings (obviously due to the Christmas break) representing the LCLGA, other than with Interim EO discussing the LCLGA future model and preparation of the Agenda for today's meeting.

I was unable to attend the SAROC Meeting on 23 January 2025 as I had to conduct a Citizenship Ceremony in Mount Gambier, which clashed with the meeting. Mayor Goossens attended the SAROC Meeting and may wish to give a verbal update. As always, I remind Mayors that Agendas and Minutes of SAROC Meetings are available on the LGA Website.

I did attend the LGA Board Meeting via Teams on the afternoon of 23 January and although Mayors have received an update from the LGA on this meeting I repeat the following for your convenience :-

Key matters discussed :-

1. The deadline for Items of Business for the May OGM were extended from 7 February to 28 February with late applications to receive endorsement from the LGA President.
2. Updates to the Special Local Roads Program guidelines and Local Government Transport Advisory Panel Terms of Reference were considered. The revisions aim to align policies with the program's strategic objectives, ensuring equitable funding allocation and robust governance.
3. The Board approved the Research and Development Scheme's Annual Business Plan, noting an additional priority added by the Advisory Committee – to support projects which strengthen the capacity of councils. The Board also approved a new feasibility study into local government's role in electric vehicles.
4. The Board approved updates to the LGA Constitution which were agreed by members at the 2024 AGM.

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5. The Board considered several confidential items including strategic planning updates, member and community surveys and advocacy efforts. An up-coming sector-wide libraries advocacy campaign was discussed to influence ongoing funding and highlight the essential role libraries play in our community.
6. Find a Local Career you never knew existed campaign – great tool for Councils to use to attract staff.

LGA Board meeting agendas and minutes are also available on the LGA website.

Along with LCLGA Mayors attended the meeting with DIT in Naracoorte on 6 February.

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**9.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS****9.6.1 UPDATE REPORT**

**Report Author:** Colin Byles, Interim EO LCLGA

**Officers consulted:** N/A

**Strategic Reference:** LCLGA Strategic Plan – Building a Stronger Economy

**Budget Implications:** N/A

**Risk Assessment:** Low

**Attachments:** Nil

**Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Update of the activities of the Executive Officer and organisation for Members information

**Discussion**

The past 5 months have been exceptional busy with running the day-to-day activities of the LCLGA, organising workshops on the future of the LCLGA, preparing report on the Future Proofing the Limestone Coast Local Government Association and finalising the Regional Growth Strategy.

I have had meetings with a variety of stakeholders to discuss issues that have been of concern and organising future investigation catch ups for the LCLGA going forward.

Meetings held since last Board Meeting;

10 December

Office Recreation Sport and Racing Network Event

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13 December	LCLGA Board Meeting
16 December	Staff Meeting
16 December	Drought Project Reference Group Meeting
19 December	Mayor's Catch-Up Teams Meeting
14 January	Staff Meeting
20 January	LCLGA CEO's Meeting
21 January	Wattle Range Council Meeting
21 January	City of Mount Gambier Meeting
21 January	Regional Sports Academy catchup
23 January	Regional Growth Strategy Working Party meeting
28 January	Regional Tourism Review Chairs meeting
29 January	Staff Meeting
30 January	Mayors catch-up

Regularly meeting with President Mayor Martin OAM on various matters

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**9.6.2 LIMESTONE COAST REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY**

**Report Author:** Colin Byles, Interim EO LCLGA

**Officers consulted:** President Mayor Lynette Martin OAM

**Strategic Reference:** LCLGA Strategic Plan – Building a Stronger Economy

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**Risk Assessment:** Low

**Attachments:** To be supplied prior to the Board meeting

**Recommendation**

That the Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) adopt the Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy 2024-2029 as presented to the LCLGA Board meeting held on the 14 February 2025.



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Regional Growth Strategy Report will be available prior to the Board Meeting, final minor edits are currently being undertaken.

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**10 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

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**14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****14.1 FUTURE PROOFING THE LCLGA****CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Limestone Coast Local Government Association orders that all members of the public, except Mayor Lynette Martin, Mayor Liz Goosens, Mayor Lisa Ruffell, Mayor Kylie Boston, Mayor Jeff Pope, Mayor Patrick Ross, CEO's Sarah Philpott, Anne Champness, Nat Traeger, Ian Hart, and LCLGA Interim Executive Officer Colin Byles be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Future Proofing the LCLGA.

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90 (3) (a) (j) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

(a) Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

(j) information the disclosure of which -

- (i) Would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the Council, or a person engaged by the Council); and
- (ii) Would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the subject matter includes information concerning personal affairs of people associated with the Limestone Coast Local Government Association, as well as confidential information of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association.

**CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL**

1. In accordance with sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Limestone Coast Local Government Association orders that the report Future Proofing the LCLGA and its attachments, the discussion and the resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Limestone Coast Local Government Association in confidence under;
  - (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).
  - (j) information the disclosure of which -
    - (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the Council, or a person engaged by the Council); and
    - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the staff of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association and stakeholders have informed of the decision then the resolution to be released and the report and attachments be kept confidential for a period of 12 months.
2. Further, that the Limestone Coast Local Government Association delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*

**14.2 CONTRACT EXTENSION – INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER LCLGA****CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Limestone Coast Local Government Association orders that all members of the public, except Mayor Lynette Martin, Mayor Liz Goosens, Mayor Lisa Ruffell, Mayor Kylie Boston, Mayor Jeff Pope, Mayor Patrick Ross, CEO's Sarah Philpott, Anne Champness, Nat Traeger, Ian Hart, and LCLGA Interim Executive Officer Colin Byles be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Contract Extension – Interim Executive Officer.

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90 (3) (a) (j) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

(b) Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

(j) information the disclosure of which -

(iii) Would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the Council, or a person engaged by the Council); and

(iv) Would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the subject matter includes information concerning personal affairs of people associated with the Limestone Coast Local Government Association, as well as confidential information of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association.

**CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL**

3. In accordance with sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Limestone Coast Local Government Association orders that the report Future Proofing the LCLGA and its attachments, the discussion and the resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Limestone Coast Local Government Association in confidence under;

- information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the Limestone Coast Local Government Association and the Interim Executive Officer have signed a contract, the resolution to be released and the report and attachments be kept confidential for a period of 12 months.

4. Further, that the Limestone Coast Local Government Association delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*

### **14.3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT**

#### **CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Limestone Coast Local Government Association orders that all members of the public, except Mayor Lynette Martin, Mayor Liz Goosens, Mayor Lisa Ruffell, Mayor Kylie Boston, Mayor Jeff Pope, Mayor Patrick Ross, CEO's Sarah Philpott, Anne Champness, Nat Traeger, Ian Hart, and LCLGA Interim Executive Officer Colin Byles be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Executive Officer Recruitment.

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90 (3) (a) (j) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- (c) Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).
- (j) information the disclosure of which -

- (v) Would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the Council, or a person engaged by the Council); and
- (vi) Would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the subject matter includes information concerning personal affairs of people associated with the Limestone Coast Local Government Association, as well as confidential information of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association.

#### **CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL**

In accordance with sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Limestone Coast Local Government Association orders that the report Future Proofing the LCLGA and its attachments, the discussion and the resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Limestone Coast Local Government Association in confidence under;

- (b) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable

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disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

- (j) information the disclosure of which -
- (j) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the Council, or a person engaged by the Council); and
- (iii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the requirements of the position have been determined, then the resolution to be released and the report and attachments be kept confidential for a period of 12 months.

1. Further, that the Limestone Coast Local Government Association delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*

**14.4 REGIONAL TOURISM REVIEW****CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Limestone Coast Local Government Association orders that all members of the public, except Mayor Lynette Martin, Mayor Liz Goosens, Mayor Lisa Ruffell, Mayor Kylie Boston, Mayor Jeff Pope, Mayor Patrick Ross, CEO's Sarah Philpott, Anne Champness, Nat Traeger, Ian Hart, and LCLGA Interim Executive Officer Colin Byles be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Regional Review.

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90 (3) (a) (j) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- (d) Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).
- (j) information the disclosure of which -
- (vii) Would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the Council, or a person engaged by the Council); and
- (viii) Would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the subject matter includes information concerning personal

affairs of people associated with the Limestone Coast Local Government Association, as well as confidential information of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association.

**CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL**

In accordance with sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Limestone Coast Local Government Association orders that the report Future Proofing the LCLGA and its attachments, the discussion and the resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Limestone Coast Local Government Association in confidence under;

- (c) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).
- (j) information the disclosure of which -
- (k) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the Council, or a person engaged by the Council); and
- (iv) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the Limestone Coast Local Government Association advise SATC of the decision, the resolution to be released and the report and attachments be kept for a period of 12 months.

2. Further, that the Limestone Coast Local Government Association delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*

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## **Landscape South Australia Limestone Coast**

### **Amendment of the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan**

#### **Background on the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan**

A water allocation plan for the Lower Limestone Coast Prescribed Wells Area was adopted in November 2013. A water allocation plan sets out the rules for managing the take and use of prescribed water resources to ensure resource sustainability.

The Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan set sustainable allocation for the Lower Limestone Coast Prescribed Wells Area. The area consists of over 3,000 licences for the purposes of:

- aquaculture
- industrial
- intensive animal keeping
- irrigation e.g. dairy, viticulture, cropping, livestock
- forestry
- public water supply
- recreational.

The Plan also allows for the environment and stock and domestic use.

The 2013 Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan (the Plan) introduced important changes that transformed water policy in the Lower Limestone Coast. As the first Plan for the Lower Limestone Coast Prescribed Wells Area, it converted area-based water licences to volume and enabled the impacts of commercial plantation forestry to be managed through forest water licences. It introduced pathways to bring over-allocated management areas back to sustainable allocation and introduced the first protections for groundwater dependent ecosystems.

These policy advances provide the foundation to now build the next iteration of water policy in the Lower Limestone Coast

#### **Review of the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan**

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board (LC Landscape Board) develops and maintains water allocation plans as outlined in the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*. The plans are developed with environmental, social, cultural and economic needs in mind and seek to ensure long term sustainability and security of the resource.

Under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* a water allocation plan must be reviewed on a comprehensive basis at least once in every 10 years. The purpose of the review was to evaluate:

- The principles in the plan.
- The success of the plan considering the outcomes it sought to achieve.
- Whether the water allocation plan remains appropriate or requires amendment.
- Any other matters prescribed by the regulations.

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The review of the Plan was announced in July 2022 and completed in October 2023. The outcome of the review was to substantially amend the Plan, commencing in 2024. Amendment is focusing on the key areas of new knowledge, sustainable allocation,

environmental provisions, legislative and policy alignment, licencing complexity, administrative ease and the water market.

Review has determined that sustainable allocation must be reconsidered, particularly in the context of a changing climate. Current allocation levels will not be sustainable moving forward and the Plan lacks adaptability to manage and respond to this risk. Reconsidering sustainable allocation will also improve environmental provisions in the Plan though further provisions will be required to protect and maintain ecosystems and biodiversity.

Legislation and policy changes that have occurred since the adoption of the Plan provide new opportunities and challenges. Unbundling or partially unbundling licences may be possible to introduce adaptive frameworks and flexibility into the Plan. This will improve management of the resource under a variable climate. But these changes will also create new frameworks for water licence holders to understand and could initially create uncertainty.

Amendment can also reduce the complexity of the Plan and create administrative ease that isn't currently possible. This can create greater confidence and business certainty in the Plan with fewer barriers to understanding how it works. These amendments may also create the environment necessary to stimulate a more active water market that can create greater transfer opportunities.

**Amendment of the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan**

The process to amend the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan commenced in March 2024 and is expected to run until December 2027. The amendment process will result in a revised Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan.

The process involves developing policy revisions or new policy elements in alignment with focus areas identified during the review process. These revisions are developed with support from a Stakeholder Advisory Group. They are then further tested with stakeholders and community through consultation. Feedback from consultation may result in revisions being changed and then tested again with stakeholders and community. The process is iterative as revisions are interconnected.

# Limestone Coast LGA

## Heritage Advisory Service



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## Report to the Board Meeting on Friday 14 February 2025

Colin Byles  
Acting EO, LCLGA  
Mount Gambier

Dear Colin,

The number of hours of heritage advice that I have provided in 2025 continues much as it did since September 2024, averaging 30 hours per month. For the year from September 2023 to August 2024 the average monthly hours were 32, although the slight falloff in demand for the service started bank in May 2024. LCLGA's budget for the Heritage Advice Service (HAS) allows for up to 37.5 hours per month.

Most of the slight falloff in demand appears to be attributable to fewer heritage-related development applications being submitted. There has been a slight increase in the last 6 months in enquiries about heritage properties from prospective buyers, particularly in the Penola area.

I have been encouraging City of Mount Gambier to take advantage of State-Heritage grants that are currently open for applications up to 31 March 2025, and which cover State heritage properties owned by councils. I have provided fee proposals for the provision of fabric condition reports for the Wehl Street Theatre, Old Mount Gambier Gaol and the Riddoch Art Gallery/ Town Hall for City of Mount Gambier, albeit these would be compiled by Arcuate rather than covered by the fees under the heritage advisory service.

I have been working with District Council of Grant on Stage 2 of their local heritage survey, driving around the council area to identify properties that should potentially be local heritage listed.

The ongoing objectives of the Heritage Advisory service continue to be to:

- Provide advice for the proper care and management of heritage places.  
Create and promote a local awareness and responsibility for the care of heritage places

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- Provide a service which encourages and assists property owners to take care of their heritage places on a voluntary basis, thereby developing a positive community view of heritage conservation.

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I look forward to continuing to assist the Councils, and custodians of heritage places in the Southeast in realising the full potential of heritage properties during the remainder of the 2024/ 2025 year.

Yours sincerely

**Ian Hamilton**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ian Hamilton'.

**Director, Arcuate Architecture**