

"Limestone Coast Better Together"

NOTICE is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of the

Limestone Coast Local Government Association Board

is to be held at the

District Council of Robe Council Chambers

3 Royal Circus Robe

on

Friday 4 April 2025 commencing at 10.00am

Colin Byles

Colin Byles Interim Executive Officer Limestone Coast Local Government Association



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Tatiara District Council	Mayor Liz Goossens – Vice President
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
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Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Kelly Westell	CEO
LCLGA	Colin Byles	Interim Executive Officer
LCLGA	Tony Elletson	Connected & Active Communities Officer

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

1.1 HOST MAYOR – Mayor Lisa Ruffell to welcome all Board members to Robe

The District Council of Robe acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past and present.

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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:

Wattle Range Council Ben Gower CEO



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3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Minutes of the LCLGA Board Meeting held on 14 February 2025 December 2024 held at City of Mount Gambier – Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre be taken as read and confirmed.
- That the Minutes of the LCLGA Special Board Meeting held on 5
 March 2025 held by a Teams Meeting 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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Recommendation

That the Minute Action List be received and noted.

6. MINUTE ACTION LIST

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Meeting Date	Subject	Resolution	Officer/ Council	Progress commentary	Status	Due date	Updated due date
14/2/25	Other Business Letter to Office of Local Government re Wattle Range	That the LCLGA write to the Minister of Local Government requesting an update on the status of the withdrawal of Wattle Range from the LCLGA.	EO	Completed		28/2/25	
14/2/25	11 Motions Without Notice Letter to be sent to Trevor Smart	That a letter of appreciation be sent to Trevor Smart, Chief Executive Officer, Naracoorte Lucindale Council to acknowledge his service to the Limestone Coast Local Government Association of many years and wish him well on his retirement.	EO/Presid ent	Completed		18/2/25	
14/2/25	9.4.1 Budget Review	That Budget Review 2 as at the 31 December 2024 be received and adopted by the LCLGA Board	EO/Finan ce	Budget Figures updated Completed		24/2/25	
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	



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13/12/24	9.6.2 LCRSA – Business Case	transition to an incorporate transition to an incorporate 2. That the LCLGA officer	east Regional Sports Academy ted Not-For-Profit association. es meet with individual councils ntribution from their Council.	EO LCRSA – Admin Officer	About to commence discussions with Council's		April 25			
21/06/24	11.2 LCLGA Budget for 2024/25	A report be provided Australia Coastal Counc arrangements and reco financial matters that may or negative	vithout notice to the Board outlining South cil Alliance (SACCA) funding onciliation of funds and any have an effect, either positive on the LCLGA cindale, Seconded: Tatiara	EO	Proposed for October meeting Deferred to restructure considered		9/08/24	Feb 24		
21/06/24	12.3 Destination Development Review	2. As a consequence Destination Developm comprehensive briefing the Regi 3. The Destination Devel Board with an implement reflect the objectives of engaged the Board in refluent pestination activities in conditions.	e of the SATC report, the nent Manager arrange for a of the Board by the SATC on ional Review. Illopment Manager provide the ntation and transition plan to of the Regional Review and focusing the Limestone Coast onjunction with that review, by to be ready for the 2025/2026 incial Year.	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		
21/6/24	14.1 Confidential Item – Consideration of Legal Advice Received			EO	Confidential report provided August Board meeting					
21/6/24	Special Meetings – Confidential items			EO	Series of special meetings held in confidence. Collated for October meeting.			Feb 24		
19/04/24	10.3 Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference	information from D	d Meeting based upon further District Council of Grant. ge , Seconded: Kingston	EO and Grant	Further information to be provided at October meeting			Apr 25		
16/02/24	10.2.2 Eyes on Eyre	information about res 3. Present findings to the April Bo	ntive Officer to obtain more sources, including costing. ELCLGA Board at the LCLGA ard Meeting.	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		



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16/02/24	11.2 Executive Officer's Report – Material Recovery Facility	for a return brief	The EO of LCLGA to approach Marsden and Jacobs for a return brief – Scoping Document. Moved: Robe, Seconded: Kingston		 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
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. Moved: Robe, Seconded: Kingston		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
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. Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale, Seconded: Wattle Range		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. Need to establish topics to discuss with Minister.		30/05/24	
16/02/24	14.2 Audit and Risk Committee and EO Remuneration Committee	for the Audit and Risk C Officer Remur 2. The updated terms of the April LCL	at the terms of reference be reviewed and updated the Audit and Risk Committee and the Executive Officer Remuneration Committee. The updated terms of reference are to be tabled at the April LCLGA Meeting 2024. Moved: Grant, Seconded: Robe		- Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk and EO Renumeration 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 See Item 5		19/04/24	
8/12/23	10.4 LCLGA - Council Funding Model	discussion paper on the including alternative mod the	LCLGA Executive Officer develop a per on the LCLGA subscription format, native models, and presents that back to the Board. d: Kingston, Seconded: Tatiara		 LCLGA EO. to develop a discussion paper on subscription format, including alternative models. Report was produced for Feb 2024 Meeting. Board to consider the process moving forward On hold to restructure considered 		16/02/24	Feb 24



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13/10/23	10.1 Strategic Plan Review	1. That the Strategic Plan reset workshop be deferred to February\March 2024. Moved: Tatiara, Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale		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. Awaiting new EO appointment 		21/06/24	Apr 24
12/08/22	7.7 LCLGA Staff - Expanded Program Co-ordinator Role	Approved the creation of a full-time graduate level role to replace the part-time Program Co-ordination position. Authorised the Executive Officer, Mr. Wright the flexibility to make his own judgement on the appropriate salary level for the new position. Associated Reference of the Matter Representation.			On hold until after the strategy review and appointment of a new E.O. Deferred until subsequent LCLGA Board consideration. Seeking feedback from Board. Deferred to the restructure considered			Feb 24
17/06/22	7.6 Incubation Projects	Moved: Robe, Seconded: Wattle Range 1. Approve the Executive Officer to develop a process for the sourcing and management of incubation projects. Moved: Wattle Range, Seconded: Mount Gambier		EO	- For new EO to consider with the Board after the strategic planning workshop. - Deferred until subsequent LCLGA Board consideration. Likely to be performed by appointed EO Deferred to restructure considered		10/02/23	Apr 24
14/08/20	7.4 Independent Member - Risk and Audit Committee	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. Moved: Grant, Seconded: Mount Gambier		EO	 To be completed with the new EO and Audit and Risk Committee. New Terms of Reference were tabled at 19 April 2024 Board Meeting. Resolution to defer to the June 2024 LCLGA Board Meeting based upon further information from District Council of Grant Resolution was not put up at the June 2024 LCLGA Board Meeting. Further work required on Terms of Reference. It is to be noted there are two other motions in relation to the Audit & Risk Committee Deferred to restructure considered 			Apr 24



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7. PRESENTATIONS/VERBAL REPORTS

7.1 MR. MICHAEL PATTERSON – TELSTRA REGIONAL MANAGER SA

Mr. Patterson will update the Board on the Mobile Phone Tower project

7.2 MR. TODD WOODARD – CHAIR LIMESTONE COAST SUSTAINABLE FUTURES ASSOCIATION

Mr Woodard will give a presentation on the function and activities of the association in relation to protecting the region's high value agricultural land from potential degradation as a result of rare earth mining.

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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: Nil

Recommendation

No report

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8.3 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA – LIMESTONE COAST

Report Author: Lauren Oxlade, CEO

Attachments: To be provided prior to the meeting



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Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

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8.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Report Author: Adrian Wroniak, Director Corporate Services

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

Verbal via Teams

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8.5 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COASTAL COUNCILS' ALLIANCE

Report Author: Adam Gray, CEO

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

Verbal Presentation

REPORT PROVIDED

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8.6 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Report Author: Peta Crewe, Regional General Manager

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

Verbal



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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

Priority Area 2: Visitor Servicing

Priority Area 3: Events

Priority Area 4: Experience Development Priority Area 6: Governance + Collaboration

Priority Area 7: Industry Capability

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 marketing, industry connection, and collaboration.

General updates as follows.

- Limestone Coast Tourism Management Group (LCTMG) meeting held 20 February (online) with next meeting scheduled for 1 May 2025.
- The Destination Development Manager attended South Australian Tourism Commission's (SATC) Regional Tourism Managers meeting on 25 February 2025 and the Tourism as a Force for Good co-design workshop on 5 March, both held in Adelaide. A further Regional Tourism Managers meeting is scheduled for 2 April.
- Progressing pre-planning for Destination Management Planning in line with SATC's state-wide approach. This has included attending a cross-regional kick-off meeting and receiving initial briefings on the process, timelines, and key learnings from other regions. The official project timeline is scheduled to commence in April, with industry consultation expected to be held in June.



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BACKGROUND

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

Priority Area 1: Marketing

- Providing input to SATC's Gather Round campaign planning and rollout, with a focus
 on promoting road trip travel in the Limestone Coast in the lead-up to the event.
- The Destination Development team supported *South Aussie with Cosi* filming in the region on 6 March 2025, as part of SATC-funded regional marketing activity.
- Supporting the rollout of a regional co-operative digital and broadcast campaign with Hello SA, offered to local businesses to encourage participation and increase exposure of the Limestone Coast, with participating operators to be finalised shortly.
- Supported the SATC week-long digital content shoot across the Limestone Coast in March. This was a key opportunity to maximise the region's exposure through SATC's upcoming destination brand campaign and to increase Limestone Coast content on the South Australian Media Gallery. Local intel was provided, and connections between operators and councils were facilitated to support strong regional outcomes.

Priority Area 2: Visitor Servicing

• Supporting the coordination of the 2025 edition of the Visitor Guide in partnership with HWR Media, with production about to be finalised and the new edition expected to be available later in Autumn 2025.

Priority Area 3: Events

• Conducted outreach to local industry regarding the SATC Regional Event Funding Program for 2025–26, with letters of support provided where applicable. Applications closed on 18 March, with successful recipients to be notified in mid-2025.

Priority Area 4: Experience Development

- Continued engagement with SATC's Experience Development Program, with Intake 3 set to commence shortly. Two Limestone Coast tourism businesses have been selected to enhance their visitor offerings. Destination Development Manager is involved in program delivery, with the next session scheduled for 31 March in Mount Gambier.
- Exploring opportunities for the Limestone Coast—through Naracoorte Caves—to
 engage with Dinosaur Experiences Australia, a growing national collective focused
 on promoting Australia's significant fossil tourism sites through collaborative
 marketing and experience development.

Priority Area 6: Governance + Collaboration

Destination Development Manager represented the Limestone Coast at several key
national tourism events in March, including the Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO)
Forum and Destination Australia, both hosted by Tourism Australia, as well as the
Australian Tourism Awards. These engagements provided valuable opportunities to
advocate for the region, strengthen relationships with national stakeholders, and
ensure alignment with state and national tourism strategies. The Destination



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Development Manager continues to play a strategic role as a conduit between the region and the broader industry network.

- Continue to share regular weekly updates and communication with industry via the Tourism Industry Network Facebook Group with posts reaching 660+ Limestone Coast members.
- Destination Development Manager is supporting the SA Cross Border Commissioner in preparing a situational analysis of SA/VIC tourism opportunities.

Priority Area 7: Industry Capability

Partnering with the Tourism Industry Council SA (TiCSA) to deliver a Limestone
Coast Tourism Storytelling Workshop & Networking Event on 1 April 2025 in Mount
Gambier. Delivered by The Tourism Collective, the workshop will support local
operators in using storytelling to differentiate their offerings and build deeper
connections with visitors. The event will conclude with a networking session to
encourage regional collaboration.

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

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

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

The program will look to provide opportunities for those in our community with barriers to participation and maintain support to our clubs' organisations and associations to ensure sustainability.

DISCUSSION

The CAC officer has been working on the following.



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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 firsthand 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.

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)



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- 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.

We are working hard to ensure we have at least 1 person from all 7 council areas in the program

- The Kick Out Hate Tournament is a community initiative partnering with One Culture (Department of Human Services, DHS), SEDA College, Adelaide United, the Community Liaison Team of the Australian Federal Police (AFP), and, starting in 2025, the Connected and Active Communities Program.
- This initiative aims to host a community soccer tournament, in Mount Gambier.
- The event will culminate in an all-day community soccer tournament on September 27, 2025, during the school holidays, for young people (ages 12– 25) from across the Limestone Coast area.
- Last year's Adelaide tournament winners will also travel and compete in the tournament.
- The tournament will promote cultural connection, inclusion, social cohesion, and raise awareness about the risks of hate and violent extremism.

What We Hope to Achieve: Foster cultural connections, promote inclusion and social cohesion, raise awareness of the risks of hate and discrimination, provide young people with a sense of belonging.

Key Stakeholders and Target Audience

This year, we expect **around 50-100 young people**, aged 12–25, inclusive of all genders, to attend. The participants will come from diverse backgrounds, and the event will also welcome the parents of young people.

- Other Stakeholders Participating Include:
- One Culture Football
- AFP (Community Liaison Team)
- SEDA College
- Adelaide United
- DHS Team

We have run a Child Safe Officer Course in Kingston in the reporting period with a great attendance of 11 people.

We are also running RSA Online Support Courses in Millicent and Naracoorte in the coming weeks. These courses are vital in supporting club volunteers complete their roles safely and keep the clubs sustainable.

Without courses like this and others we run, clubs would be at risk of not following legal requirements and volunteers, coaches and participants are at risk. We also supply the courses free or at a heavily subsidised rate thanks to the CAC Program.



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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.

The CAC Officer has reached out to all councils to meet with Elected Members and present the program in more details. Thank you to those councils who have taken up the offer so far.

 The CAC Officer is working with the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI)
 Paralympic section to activate Physical Activity opportunities for people in the Limestone Coast.

SASI have agreed to come down for a 4-day initial visit to work with clubs, councils and schools to look at setting up sustainable and ongoing disability sport programs for young and old in the region.

These programs will be supported by and managed by the SASI Paralympic team and the CAC program. They will be grass root programs open to young and old.

There will also be Talent Identification Testing run for young athletes with a disability with a hope to add a Paralympic section to our local Academy.

The CAC Officer will provide a more detailed progress plan at future meetings.

 The CAC Officer was a part of the selection Panel for the inaugural Power of Her Sport Awards and attended the Award Ceremony on the 12^{th of} March. The Naracoorte Little Athletics Club was successful in the Champion Local Club – Regional section and Chloe Mackenzie was a joint winner in the emerging leader category.

Chloe created the very first South-East junior girl's cricket group to assist in the development of junior girls as well as to give them an opportunity to play and train with only other girls.



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Previously, junior girls in the south-east were only able to play cricket in a mixed gender competition, so Chloe created a 'Girls only' group to support and encourage them early on in their cricket journey.

By conducting training sessions at various cricket grounds in the Limestone Coast region e.g. Naracoorte, Penola and Mt Gambier, Chloe ensures 'girls only' cricket is inclusive and accessible at regional local cricket clubs. Sometimes she travels over 200kms after her working day just to conduct a 'girls only' training session.

 The CAC Officer is also continuing to provide over 20 clubs a month with Governance and off field support, including, Constitution, Strategic Planning and Grant/Funding support.

9.3 LIMESTONE COAST REGIONAL SPORTING ACADEMY REPORT

Report Author: Rhiannon Zammit, Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy

Administration Officer

Officers consulted: Tony Elletson, CAC 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.

BACKGROUND

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

<u>Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy Bi-Monthly Update:</u>

- The 2025 LCRSA Induction session was held on Sunday 16th February at UniSA Campus, Mount Gambier. We had over 150 people attend the induction. This was made up of athletes, parents / caregivers and coaches. It was great to see so many people there for what is going to be a huge year for the Academy.
- 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.



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- Academy cyclist, Molly Opperman, competed in the AusCycling Sharp EIT
 Australian Junior Track Series in February. Molly took home a silver medal in the
 U15 Women category. Molly then gained a spot in the U15 Women's team,
 representing South Australia, at the AusCycling Track National Championships.
 The National Championships are being held in Brisbane from March 25-30.
- Academy cyclist, Amali Judd, took home the bronze medal in the U19's Women's Individual Pursuit, at the 2025 AusCycling U15, U17, U19 and Elite Track State Championships, held in Victoria from the 1st – 2nd March.
- Current Academy basketballer, Albert Peters, along with former Academy basketballers Cara, Macca, Edie, Poppy, Taj and Will were named in the Pioneers 2025 Development Player Squad.
- On Sunday 9th March, Rod Jameson (Women's Football Operations Manager) and Talia Radan (Women's Senior Coach) from Glenelg Football Club (GFC), held the Glenelg Induction session with our AFLW athletes. We had 23 of our 25 athletes attend, along with Academy coach Fiona Young and Heath Sims from the SANFL. Talia ran an on-field session with the athletes. Rod then presented the GFC induction, giving an insight to both athletes and parents, the pathways available through the LCRSA and Glenelg's partnership.
- Academy athletes Aynslee Hayman and Winnie Zadow have been selected in the 2025 Adelaide Thunderbirds Talent Academy. Both athletes play a number of sports such as netball and swimming and are both a part of the AFLW program in 2025.
- Over the March long weekend, Lone Star athlete Braith Allison, came 6th in the Final, at the AusCycling BMX Racing SA State Series.
- Athletes have their first round of check ins with Academy Strength & Conditioning Coordinator, Tony Checker, on the 30th and 31st March. The check ins will be held in Naracoorte and Mount Gambier.
- Our first education session is taking place on Monday 7th April at UniSA. Charlee Tahney will be presenting the Healthy Habits education session which was a huge success in 2024.



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9.4 FINANCE REPORT

9.4.1 Monthly Finance Report to 4 March 2025

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: Nil

Recommendation

That the Monthly Finance Report to the 4 March 2025 be received and noted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Monthly Finance Report to the 4 March 2025 does not show any significant variances that need to be addressed.

Budget Review 3 will occur in May 2025 will address any issues that occur in the coming months.



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LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOC Level 1 9 Bay Road Mount Gambier SA 5290

Profit & Loss Consolidated

July 2024 To 4 March 25

opted Budget		Actual YTD	Budget Review 1	Budget Review 2	Reason
	INCOME				
	City of Mount Gambier	\$252,677.00	\$252,678.00	\$252,678.00	
	District Council of Grant	\$112,556.00	\$112,556.00	\$112,556.00	
	Wattle Range Council	\$191,873.00	\$191,873.00	\$191,873.00	
	Naracoorte Lucindale Council				
		\$129,504.00	\$129,504.00	\$129,504.00	
	District Council of Robe	\$60,867.00	\$60,866.00	\$60,866.00	
	District Council of Tatiara	\$109,867.00	\$109,867.00	\$109,867.00	
\$58,545.00	District Council of Kingston	\$58,547.00	\$58,545.00	\$58,545.00	
\$66,000.00	SA Tourism Commission	\$80,254.62	\$80,254.62	\$80,254.62	
\$40,000.00	LGA SA	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
\$28,000.00		\$25,714.89	\$28,000.00	\$35,000.00	
	Grants (Liabilities)	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
	Rental Income	\$2,500.02	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
	Sundry Income				
		\$11,492.65	\$100.00	\$10,000.00	
	Participant Contribution	\$3,818.20	\$33,600.00	\$33,600.00	
	SA Coastal Councils Alliance	\$55,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$55,000.00	
	Power of Her	\$2,754.55	\$0.00	\$2,754.55	
\$137,500.00		\$135,600.00	\$145,600.00	\$145,600.00	
\$1,383,089.00	Total INCOME	\$1,373,025.93	\$1,409,943.62	\$1,422,598.17	
	EXPENSES Advertising & Marketing	#0.00	#6.000.00	\$6,000.00	
	Advertising & Marketing	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
	Audit & Accountants Fees	\$18,800.00	\$30,500.00	\$30,500.00	
\$540.00	Bank Fees	\$168.02	\$540.00	\$540.00	
\$19,200.00	Computing & IT	\$10,166.32	\$19,200.00	\$15,000.00	
\$7,000.00	Consultancy	\$5,082.04	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
\$21,700.00		\$13,882.80	\$21,700.00	\$21,700.00	
\$12,000.00		\$8,409.50	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
\$21,000.00		\$14,587.83	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	
	Meeting Expenses	\$1,501.37	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$2,675.40	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
	Printing/Stationery	\$1,653.63	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	
\$1,000.00	Subscriptions	\$370.89	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
\$7,500.00	Telephones	\$4,686.86	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	
\$8,000.00	Training	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
\$8,000.00	Travel/Accommodation/Meals	\$18,092.80	\$23,140.00	\$23,140.00	
\$22,100,00	Vehicles - Fuel	\$9,580.22	\$22,100.00	\$22,100.00	
	Vehicles - Leasing	\$37,504.61	\$56,480.00	\$56,480.00	
	Vehicles - Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,270.19	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
	Heritage Services	\$42,425.91	\$84,529.00	\$84,529.00	
	Regional Development Australia LC	\$79,506.75	\$106,009.00	\$106,009.00	
\$562,386.00		\$366,538.19	\$562,386.00	\$548,511.00	
	Wages - Superannuation	\$40,254.37	\$64,674.00	\$62,053.00	
	Wages - Workcover	\$5,167.50	\$5,895.00	\$5,895.00	
\$10,000.00	Wages - FBT	\$5,210.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
\$15,448.00	Wage - Accruals	(\$16,398.46)	\$15,448.00	\$15,448.00	
\$78,844.00	SACCA	\$39,465.10	\$78,844.00	\$78,844.00	
\$64,816.00		\$40,477.65	\$59,000.00	\$59,000.00	
	2. Visitor Servicing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
\$750.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	4 & 5. Experience Development / Acc	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
	6. Governance & Collaboration	\$13,222.14	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00	
	7. Industry Capability 8. Promote Value of Tourism	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$650.00 \$0.00	\$650.00 \$0.00	
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\$84,000.00		\$41,119.88	\$84,000.00	\$84,000.00	
\$22,182.00		\$1,363.01	\$22,182.00	\$22,182.00	
\$0.00	Children at Risk Project	\$1,027.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	
\$4,980.00	2. Tatiara Soccer Project	\$0.00	\$4,980.00	\$4,980.00	
\$5,000.00	3. Tatiara Youth Leadership Project	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
	4. Facility Analysis Project	\$3,737.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
	6. Training Workshops Project	\$1,661.40	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
	Roads Program	\$0.00	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00	
	Regional Growth Strategy	\$13,420.81	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
\$0.00	Power of Her	\$22,289.71	\$0.00	\$18,495.62	
	Total EVDENCES	\$848,920.60	\$1,463,557.00	\$1,461,356.62	
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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.

To be provided prior to the meeting

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9.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

9.6.1.1 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 the organisation for Members information

REGIONAL TOURISM REVIEW

Progress on the Regional Tourism Review, including the development of Destination Management Plans (DMPs) and the creation of Destination Management Zones



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(DMZs), is advancing steadily. Significant work has nearly been completed for the pilot zone, encompassing the Yorke Peninsula, Clare Valley, and Southern Flinders.

Applications for the roles of Destination Management Zone Chair and Directors officially closed on Wednesday, 26 March 2025. Recruitment for the Chief Executive Officer position will commence once the Board positions have been finalized.

Engagement with tourism bodies in Kangaroo Island, Fleurieu Peninsula, and the Limestone Coast has not yet begun but is planned for the near future.

The development of the Limestone Coast Destination Management Plan is scheduled to start in April/May 2025. Community engagement activities for this plan are anticipated to occur in mid-June 2025.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

The Position Description for the LCLGA Executive Officer role has been finalised and submitted to McArthur's for the creation of a contemporary and engaging job advertisement. The Interim Executive Officer has collaborated with McArthur's to ensure the advertisement aligns with the desired tone and style.

The advertisement for the Executive Officer position was published on Thursday, 27 March 2025.

GENERAL

The past 6 months have been exceptional busy with running the day-to-day activities of the LCLGA, organising workshops on the future of the LCLGA, preparing reports on the Future Proofing the Limestone Coast Local Government Association. 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;

11/2	SLRP meeting with Council Directors and HDS
12/2	Regional Academies of Sport NSW
16/2	Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy – Athletes Induction
17/2	SATC – phone hookup re Regional Tourist Organisation
17/2	Mount Gambier Airport – Qantas 400 Arrival
18/2	Destination Development Zones – Regional Chairs Reference Group meeting
20/2	Meeting with Minister Tourism Zoe Bettison, SATC CEO Emma Terry, Miranda
	Lang, Senior Engagement Officer re Regional Tourist Organisation status
24/2	LCLGA CEO's meeting
25/2	Office Recreation Sport and Racing – Matt Tyler re CAC program
26/2	Cross Border Dinner at Portland
27/2	Cross Border Commissioners Forum – Portland – presented Limestone Coast
	Regional Growth Strategy
5/3	VRM Accounting re Annual Business Plan
5/3	LCLGA Special Board Meeting



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5/3	ian Hamilton Architect – re going forward with contract
11/3	SATC catchup -re Regional Tourism Review
19/3	EO Job Description follow up with McArthur's
20/3	LCLGA Mayor's catchup
24/3	LCLGA CEO's meeting
24/3	LGA SA meeting with Andrew Wroniak (Director Corporate) re Hosting LCLGA
	finances
25/3	Regional Chairs – Destination Development Zone Chairs meeting
25/3	EO Job Description advert meeting with McArthur's

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9.6.2 LIMESTONE COAST REGIONAL SPORTS ACADEMY – REGIONAL ACADEMIES OF SPORT

Report Author: Colin Byles, Interim EO LCLGA

Officers consulted: Tony Elletson CAC Officer

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 report be received and noted

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy (LCRSA) stands as the only academy of its kind in South Australia. It is a well-managed and successful organization that has consistently fostered and developed many young, emerging athletes.

Established as a pilot program in 2017/19 by the LCLGA Board, with the support of the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR) and state and local sporting associations, the academy has since grown into a vital institution. The LCRSA collaborates closely with State Sporting Organisations (SSOs), local sporting associations, and clubs to support athletes in realizing their potential within a local setting.



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In December, the LCLGA Board approved the transformation of the Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy into an incorporated body, officially making it a Not-for-Profit Organisation. Following this decision, we began actively engaging with other sporting academies across Australia to understand their operational structures and day-to-day practices under an incorporated model.

During this process, the Regional Academies of Sport (RAS), based on the Central Coast of New South Wales, extended an invitation for us to be part of a significant funding proposal to the Federal Government. This proposal seeks \$25 million annually over the next 10 years to support the 26 existing academies and establish up to 17 new ones across the country. Both the Federal Labor Government and the Federal Liberal Opposition have expressed strong interest in the business case and requested further discussions with the Regional Academies of Sport.

Additionally, discussions are underway between the Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy, the Regional Academies of Sport, and the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing regarding potential funding models for the RAS to manage the LCRSA. Currently, the ORSR provides \$100,000 annually to support LCRSA. These discussions have also spurred interest from the ORSR in establishing additional regional sporting academies in Riverland, Spencer Gulf, and Barossa/Gawler.

A comprehensive business case is being developed collaboratively by RAS and LCRSA. This will be presented to the ORSR to secure further funding and formalise a partnership among the three organisations.

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9.6.3 EQUITABLE RATING OF THE ENERGY SECTOR

Report Author: Colin Byles, Interim EO LCLGA

Officers consulted: Nil

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 support the introduction of the *Statutes Amendment (Rates-Electricity Generation) Bill 2025* into parliament and advocate to all Members of Parliament especially local representatives the benefits of this reform would bring to regional communities and their ratepayers.



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BACKGROUND

Regional councils across the state, which host wind farms, solar farms, or battery storage facilities within their boundaries, have been unable to impose rates on these energy-generating assets due to outdated State Government legislation.

DISCUSSION

A report commissioned by the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGASA), titled *Equitable Rating of the Energy Sector* and released in early 2025, underscores the inequity. It highlights that electricity providers are not contributing their fair share to the council rating system, leaving local residents and businesses to bear the financial burden.

For over five years, the Wattle Range Council and the Regional Council of Goyder have actively lobbied policymakers to address this issue by introducing new legislation that would enable councils to rate electricity-generating companies appropriately.

If enacted, this legislation would benefit numerous regional councils, not only those currently hosting energy infrastructure. The potential rating framework would also accommodate future developments of electricity-generating assets in other council regions.

Independent analyses suggest that families, single homeowners, and local businesses in some regional councils could experience up to a 5% reduction in council rates if electricity-generating infrastructure were subject to equitable rating.

Councils across regional South Australia, alongside LGASA, have collaborated with Members of Parliament for several years to advocate for reform. Their aim is to amend the outdated *Electricity Corporations (Restructuring and Disposal) Act 1999*.

On March 19, 2025, the Honourable Frank Pangallo MLC introduced the proposed legislation—*Statutes Amendment (Rates-Electricity Generation) Bill 2025*—to parliament. This bill seeks to amend the current Act by eliminating the discounted council rates for electricity entities. It aims to ensure these entities contribute equitably for land used in electricity generation moving forward.

CONCLUSION

Broad political support will be essential to secure the passage of this legislation. The Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) should intensify its advocacy efforts, engaging with all Members of Parliament—especially local representatives—to emphasise the benefits this reform would bring to regional communities and their ratepayers.

10 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil



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11 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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12 **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

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13 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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14 CORRESPONDENCE

Department of Infrastructure and Transport - LCLGA Letter and DIT Reply





State Planning Commission – Regional Plan Release and Public Consultation





15 MINUTES of WORKING GROUPS

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Tourism Management Group be received and noted.



16 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

16.1 FUTURE PROOFING THE LCLGA



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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, Darryl Whicker, Nat Traeger, Ian Hart, Kelly Westell 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



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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

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17 OTHER BUSINESS

18 MEETING CLOSED