



Limestone Coast Local Government Association

"Limestone Coast Better Together"

Minutes

**of the Ordinary Meeting
of the**

Limestone Coast Local Government Association Board

held at the

District Council of Robe Council Chambers

3 Royal Circus Robe

on

**Friday 4 April 2025
commencing at 10.00am**

Ordinary Board Meeting Agenda District Council of Robe

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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

City of Mount Gambier	Sarah Philpott	CEO
District Council of Grant	Darryl Whicker	CEO
District Council of Robe	Nat Traeger	CEO
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:

CEO Councillor	Ben Gower CEO
Wattle Range Council	Anne Champness CEO
Tatiara District Council	Ian Hart CEO
Kingston District Council	

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1. 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.

2. 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.

CARRIED[Return to Order of Business](#)**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	Nil
Board Member Name and Council	Nil
Type of interest	Nil
Members Interest in the Matter:	Nil
Member participating in Meeting?	Nil
Reasons for Participating:	Nil
Member Voting on matter?	Nil

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Nil

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Moved: Kingston District Council

Seconded: Tatiara District Council

That the Minute Action List be received and noted.

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6. MINUTE ACTION LIST

Completed		Will be removed from Action List	all actions required of the Motion have been completed					
In Progress		Will remain on Action List until completed	A start has been made on the action of the Motion (progress commentary will provide explanation)					
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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/President	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/Finance	Budget Figures updated Completed		24/2/25		
13/12/24	10.1 4WD messaging	That the LCLGA leverage the learnings from the positive effort to 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	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		
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	
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 provided 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	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	
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	

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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	
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	
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		
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		
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 presents 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</i> <i>On hold to restructure considered</i>		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. <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>		21/06/24	Apr 24	
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	
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>		10/02/23	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. <i>Moved: Grant, Seconded: Mount Gambier</i>	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. <i>It is to be noted there are two other motions in relation to the Audit & Risk Committee</i> <i>Deferred to restructure considered</i>			Apr 24	

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7. PRESENTATIONS/VERBAL REPORTS

7.1 MR. MICHAEL PATTERSON – TELSTRA REGIONAL MANAGER SA

Mr. Patterson updated the Board on the Mobile Phone Tower project.

Power Point presentation sent to all LCLGA Councils.

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

Mr Woodard gave 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.

Power Point presentation has been sent to all LCLGA Councils.

7.3 MS MIANNE BAGGER –

Ms Bagger gave a presentation on vaccines

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8. EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

8.1 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Report Author: Jennifer Schilling, Principle Regional Advisor
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Attachments: Nil

Verbal report given at the meeting

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8.2 HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICE

Report Author: Ian Hamilton, Arcuate Architecture Director

Attachments: Nil

No report

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That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED[Return to Order of Business](#)**8.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA****Report Author:** Andrew Wroniak, Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** Nil

Verbal Report was given via Teams

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Verbal Presentation given at the meeting

REPORT PROVIDED[Return to Order of Business](#)**8.6 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA****Report Author:** Peta Crewe, Regional General Manager

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Verbal report given at the meeting

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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

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**Moved:** District Council of Grant**Seconded:** District Council of Robe

That

1. The report be received and noted.
2. That the LCLGA write to the Minister for Tourism, Shadow Government Ministers, local Members of Parliament and the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) stating that stronger collaboration needs to occur with LCLGA when activities are occurring in the Limestone Coast Region.

CARRIED

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That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED**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**Moved:** District Council of Robe**Seconded:** Kingston District Council

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

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

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Seconded: Tatiara District Council

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

CARRIED

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

Moved: City of Mount Gambier

Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

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

Moved: Tatiara District Council

Seconded: District Council of Robe

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

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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

Moved: Kingston District Council

Seconded: District Council of Robe

That the report be received and noted

CARRIED

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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.

CARRIED**10 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

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That the LCLGA acknowledges and notes the presentation of Mianne Bagger regarding the Port Hedland COVID vaccination motion.

The LCLGA writes to the Federal Minister for Health and the State Minister for Health to bring the Port Hedland motion to their attention.

CARRIED

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1. The LCLGA endorses the petition requesting the State Government to schedule a Gather round match in the Limestone Coast.
2. LCLGA requests member councils to support the petition in their communities and via sporting groups and clubs.

CARRIED**11.3 Executive Officer Recruitment****Moved:** Kingston District Council**Seconded:** District Council of Grant

That the LCLGA Board appoints the board representatives from each member council to the panel for the selection and appointment of the LCLGA executive officer along with a suitably qualified independent adviser from McArthur Recruitment Company.

CARRIED**11.4 Limestone Coast Sustainable Futures Association****Moved:** Naracoorte Lucindale Council**Seconded:** Tatiara District Council

1. The LCLGA notes the presentation of the Limestone Coast Sustainable Futures Association.
2. The LCLGA writes to the Premier of SA, the Minister for Environment, the Minister of Primary Industries, Regional Development and Forestry, the Minister for Mining and Energy, Shadow Ministry counterparts and local Members of Parliament to express concerns around the potential impact to water, agriculture, viticulture, dairy and forestry of the strip-mining project, and to seek an independent science-based assessment of environmental impact of the proposal
3. The LCLGA seeks a presentation from the proponents in order to understand the proposal from the proponent's perspective and any scientific evidence they have to mitigate environmental impacts

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Nil

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That the minutes of the Tourism Management Group be adjourned to the next meeting.

CARRIED**16 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****16.1 FUTURE PROOFING THE LCLGA**

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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, Darryl Whicker, Nat Traeger, 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.

CARRIED**CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL****Moved:** Naracoorte District Council**Seconded:** Tatiara District Council

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

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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*

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