



**Limestone Coast Local Government Association**

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## **MINUTES**

of the

**Ordinary Meeting**

**Limestone Coast Local Government Association Board**

held at the

**District Council of Grant Council Chambers**

**324 Commercial Street West Mount Gambier**

on

**Friday 6 June 2025**

**commencing at 10.00am**

*Colin Byles*

Colin Byles  
Interim Executive Officer  
Limestone Coast Local Government Association



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District Council of Grant****6 June 2025**[Return to Order of Business](#)**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****Moved:** District Council of Robe**Seconded:** Tatiara District Council

1. That the Minutes of the LCLGA Board Meeting held on 4 April 2025 held at the District Council of Robe be taken as read and confirmed.
2. That the Minutes of the LCLGA Special Board Meeting held on 9 May 2025 held by a Teams Meeting be taken as read and confirmed.
3. That the Minutes of the LCLGA Special Board Meeting held on 16 May 2025 held by a Teams Meeting be taken as read and confirmed.

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*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:** District Council of Robe

That the Minute Action List be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

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)					
Outstanding/Delayed		Will remain on Action List until completed	Work has not yet commenced or there has been a delay on the action. (progress commentary will provide explanation)					
	Meeting Date	Subject	Resolution	Officer/ Council	Progress commentary	Status	Due date	Updated due date
	4/4/25	11.4 Limestone Coast Sustainable Futures Association	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The LCLGA notes the presentation of the Limestone Coast Sustainable Futures Association.</li><li>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</li><li>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</li></ol>	EO	Letters Written  Still waiting for the proponents to come back with presentation date		30/6/25	

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	4/4/25	11.3 Executive Officer Recruitment	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.	President	Panel established and McArthur recruitment advised.  Completed			
	4/4/25	11.2 Gather Round	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.	Mayors EO	Mayors to take back to Councils  Completed			
	4/4/25	9.6.3 Equitable Rating of the Energy Sector	That the Limestone Coast Local Government Association support the introduction of the <i>Statutes Amendment (Rates-Electricity Generation) Bill 2025</i> 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.	Mayors EO	Ongoing		ongoing	
	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	
	25/6/24	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
	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.		19/04/24	Feb 24

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					Awaiting structure review to be completed			

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## 7. PRESENTATIONS/VERBAL REPORTS

### 7.1 Mr Steve Bourne – General Manager Limestone Coast Landscape Board Water Allocations Update

Steve Bourne (General Manager) and Liz Perkins (Manager Planning and Engagement) from Limestone Coast Landscape Board gave an update on the Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan.

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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

Verbal Report

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### 8.2 HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICE

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

**Attachments:** Nil

No Report

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### 8.3 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA – LIMESTONE COAST

**Report Author:** Lauren Oxlade, CEO

**Attachments:** Nil

No Report

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**8.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA****Report Author:** Andrew Wroniak, Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** Nil

Verbal Report

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No Report

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Verbal Report

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Verbal Report



**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:** Kingston District Council

That

1. the report be received and noted.
2. the LCLGA Board as the Regional Tourism Organisation acknowledge the “Visit to Regions” report from SATC which shows that the Limestone Coast recorded the highest number of domestic overnight visitors of any South Australian region excluding Adelaide for the year ending December 2024, with 807,000 overnight stays and a total visitor expenditure reaching \$662 million.
3. the LCLGA Board note the Limestone Coast Destination Management Plan is in consultation phase and is invited to a dedicated Regional Tourism Organisation in-depth interview to be held on Monday 16 June at 10.00am by Teams.
4. The LCLGA Board acknowledge the need for the intellectual property and digital assets (Visit Limestone Coast brand, Website, Social Media, Blogs) to be future managed.

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5. That options be developed on how to manage and resource these assets.
6. That the LCLGA Board acknowledges the work of the Destination Development Manager, Kate Napper and Destination Development Coordinator, Emma Herring and thank them for their commitment to promoting the Limestone Coast region during their employment at the LCLGA.

**CARRIED**

**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

**Moved:** Kingston District Council

**Seconded:** Tatiara District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the LCLGA Board acknowledge the role Tony Elletson has played in promoting the Connected and Active Communities program. We thank him for his commitment to the project and look forward to a successful continuation to the programme in the future.

**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

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That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED****FINANCE REPORT****9.4.1 Budget Review 3 - 30 April 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:** Tatiara District Council**Seconded:** District Council of Robe

That Budget Review 3 as submitted to the 6 June 2025 LCLGA Board meeting be adopted.

**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

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1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the LCLGA Board thanks Interim Executive Officer, Colin Byles for his contribution to the LCLGA during his tenure as Interim Executive Officer and particularly the role he has played in transitioning the organisation to the future model.

**CARRIED**[Return to Order of Business](#)**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:** District Council of Grant**Seconded:** Naracoorte Lucindale Council

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED**[Return to Order of Business](#)**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

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1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the LCLGA Board acknowledge the role Tony Elletson and Rhiannon Zammit have played in the success of the Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy and assisting in the transition to the Regional Academies of Sport (RAS).
3. That the LCLGA acknowledges the successful transition of the Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy to the Regional Academies of Sport (RAS) and looks forward to this new structure providing athletes of the Limestone Coast Region with increased opportunities to excel in their chosen sport.

**CARRIED**[Return to Order of Business](#)**9.6.3 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL TOURISM REVIEW****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:** Nil**Moved:** Naracoorte Lucindale Council**Seconded:** Kingston District Council

1. That the LCLGA formally write to the Minister of Tourism and the Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) to express our disappointment and frustration with the process in developing a zone and to request that SATC direct Kangaroo Island and Fleurieu Tourism Regions to engage with Limestone Coast Tourism from the outset.
2. If SATC fail to facilitate this inclusion, the LCLGA Board must ensure that the Limestone Coast is at a minimum, included as an observer in the Exploratory

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Working Group.

3. That the LCLGA immediately begin compiling a detailed paper outlining opportunities, concerns and questions to be addressed prior to any formal proposal for zone formation.

**CARRIED****9.6.4 REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN****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:** Supplied under separate Cover**Moved:** Tatiara District Council**Seconded:** District Council of Robe

That Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast employ a fulltime Drought Project Manager to develop the Implementation Plan and oversee implementation activities.

**CARRIED****10 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

**15 MINUTES of WORKING GROUPS****Moved:** Tatiara District Council**Seconded:** Naracoorte Lucindale Council

1. That the minutes of the Tourism Management Group dated 1 May 2025 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**16 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****16.1 SHARED SERVICES**

**Moved:** Kingston District Council

**Seconded:** Naracoorte Lucindale Council

**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, Anne Champness, Darryl Whicker, Nat Traeger, Kelly Westell, LCLGA Interim Executive Officer Colin Byles and Charlotte Edmunds be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Shared Services.

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**



**Moved:** Tatiara District Council  
**Seconded:** Kingston District Council

**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
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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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Mayor Martin OAM invited Mayor Patrick Ross to address the meeting on the Drought issues he had been raising with LGA and the South Australian State Government.

From these discussions the following motions were put.

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

1. That the LCLGA elevate urgent drought support as a priority advocacy issue.
2. That the LCLGA advocate the urgent drought issue at Federal, State and Local Government levels.
3. That the LCLGA Executive Officer in consultation with Naracoorte Lucindale Council Mayor Patrick Ross and CEO Kelly Westell prepare a position paper on urgent drought support to be presented to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.
4. That the LCLGA provide feedback to the Local Government Association South Association (LGASA) on the urgent drought support issue presented at the LGASA Ordinary General Meeting held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

**CARRIED****18 MEETING CLOSED: 12.40pm**[Return to Order of Business](#)