



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

Kingston District Council

29 Holland Street, Kingston SE, SA 5275

on

12 December 2025

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Charlotte Edmunds
Executive Officer
Limestone Coast Local Government Association

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Board Members

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

CEO's/Staff

City of Mount Gambier	Paul Simpson	CEO
Tatiara District Council	Kingsley Green	CEO
District Council of Grant	Darryl Whicker	CEO
District Council of Robe	Nat Traeger	CEO
Kingston District Council	Ian Hart	CEO
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Kelly Westell	CEO
LCLGA	Charlotte Edmunds	Executive Officer

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME – Open 10:01 am**1.1 HOST MAYOR – Mayor Jeff Pope to welcome all Board Members to Kingston SE**

We acknowledge and pay respects to the Meintangk/Moandik people, the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we gather on. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Meintangk/Moandik people to country and respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land.

DCG Mayor Boston joined the meeting 10:06 am

2. APOLOGIES**Moved:** Tatiara District Council**Seconded:** District Council of Grant

Board Member apologies: District Council of Robe Mayor Lisa Ruffell

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Board Members leave of absence: Nil**CEO's/Staff apologies:** Paul Simpson, CEO City of Mount Gambier**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MOVED: Kingston District Council
SECONDED: Tatiara District Council

1. That the minutes of the LCLGA Board Meeting held 10 October 2025 held at the Naracoorte Lucindale Council be taken as read and confirmed as accurate.

CARRIED**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.

Report Number and Title:	Nil
Member Name:	Nil
Member Council:	Nil
Type of Conflict:	Nil
Nature of Conflict:	Nil
Member participating in Meeting:	Nil
Reason for participation:	Nil
Member voting on matter:	Nil

5. BUSINESS ADJOURNED

Nil

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6. MINUTE ACTION LIST**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Tatiara District Council

Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

That the minute action list be received and noted.

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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)

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Meeting date	Agenda Item	Resolution	Progress commentary	Due Date	Updated due date
10/10/25	9.4 Strategic Plan	Transition to a new strategic framework that combines the Annual Business Plan and Budget with a 5-year Strategic Plan. Commence the new budgetary and strategic framework from the 2026-27 financial year, delegating the EO to produce a document that incorporates the functions of a Strategic Plan, Action Plan, Long-term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan to be presented to the Board in draft at the April 2026 meeting of the LCLGA Board.		10/4/2026	
10/10/25	16.2 2030 Regional Transport Plan intermediate update	Accept the quotation provided by HDS Australia as set out in Attachment 16.2.1	HDS commissioned. First workshop meeting held with HDS 5/11/25		
8/8/25	9.4.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOURISM TRANSITION SUB-COMMITTEE	6. Reinstate regular meetings of the Tourism Working Group committee	First meeting held 4/11/2025. Next meeting scheduled for 24 Feb 2026.		

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8/8/25	11. LGA SA reform	<p>That the LCLGA write to the President of the Local Government Association of South Australia, expressing its concern about the LGA's current review of its 'service offering and structure to ensure they are aligned to member needs.' Having raised concerns about the LGAs selective engagement with its member base, which favours metropolitan councils, for many years, the current review appears to further cement the inequality.</p> <p>Feedback raised by regional CEOs at the 18 July 2025 workshop was largely dismissed from consideration and presentation at the Barossa CEO and Mayors forum. With no engagement prior to the review process being initiated and only selective responses from the engagement being shared during the process, the Limestone Coast councils have no confidence in regional voices being incorporated in the review.</p>	Letter sent. Reply received. LGA SA President and Acting CEO attended Board meeting 10/10/25		
8/08/25	16.2 LCLGA DIGITAL TOURISM ASSET MANAGEMENT	That the Naracoorte Lucindale Council investigate a proposal to manage social media assets for 3-month 'trial', with constituent councils to provide as much content as possible.	Trial continuing.		

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4/4/25	11.4 Limestone Coast Sustainable Futures Association	<p>1.The LCLGA notes the presentation of the Limestone Coast Sustainable Futures Association.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>	Briefing from AR3 held 27 November 2025		
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	EO held stakeholder meetings 10/09/25, 11/09/25 and 29/09/25. DCG and KDC to provide details for maps.		

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		consider the merit of a consistent approach to 4WD messaging around access to coastlines			
16/02/24	10.2.2 Eyes on Eyre	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Request the Executive Officer to obtain more information about resources, including costing.2. Present findings to the LCLGA Board at the LCLGA April 2024 Board Meeting.	EO distributed briefing paper on Eyes on Eyre 10 October 2025. National Parks and Wildlife (DEW) rep attended the Tourism Transition Committee meeting 4/11/25 to discuss booking system. EO requested list of possible bookable product from all constituent councils. Refer to report.	19/04/24	

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7. PRESENTATIONS/VERBAL REPORTS

7.1 Adam Gray, South Australian Coastal Councils Alliance

Attachment: 7.1 SACCA Annual Summary

Moved: Tatiara District Council
Seconded: Kingston District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED8. EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

8.1 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Nil

8.2 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA – LIMESTONE COAST

Report Author:	Lauren Oxlade, CEO – apology
Attachments:	NIL

8.3 CROSS BORDER COMMISSIONER

Report Author:	Kelly-Anne Saffin, Cross Border Commissioner
Attachments:	8.3 CROSS BORDER COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Moved: Grant District Council
Seconded: Tatiara District Council

That the report be received and noted.

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8.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Verbal Report:	Monique Blason
Attachments:	8.4 LGA Priority Projects Update -TABLED

Moved: Kingston District Council
Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.5 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Report Author:	Peta Crewe, Regional General Manager
Attachments:	8.5 Uni SA Mount Gambier campus update December 2025

Moved: Kingston District Council
Seconded: Tatiara District Council

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

9. LCLGA REPORTS

9.1 TOURISM

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Officers consulted:	Regional Tourism Manager
Strategic Reference:	
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	9.1 tourism business confidence

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Moved: Kingston District Council
Seconded: Tatiara District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. A workshop be held on 12 February 2026 to discuss Tourism.

CARRIED**9.2 FINANCE REPORT****RESOLUTION**

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Seconded: District Council of Grant

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the Board amend the 2025/26 Budget as per updated forecasts presented in
Attachment 9.2 Budget Review 1

CARRIED**9.3 RISK REGISTER AND ASSURANCE MAP**

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Officers / committee consulted:	Audit and Risk Committee
Strategic Reference:	Strategic Plan 2020-2025
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	Nil

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Seconded: Tatiara District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.

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2. That the board supports the establishment of a risk management policy framework register.
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CARRIED**9.4 ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECT UPDATE**

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Consulted:	N/A
Strategic Reference:	Strategic Plan 2020-2025
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	Nil.

Moved: Tatiara District Council Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

| 1. That the report be received and noted. |

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9.5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report Author:	LCLGA President
Consulted:	N/A
Strategic Reference:	
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	Nil

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council Seconded: Tatiara District Council

| 1. That the report be received and noted. |

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

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Consulted:	N/A
Strategic Reference:	Strategic Plan 2020-2025
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	Nil

Moved: Tatiara District Council
Seconded: Kingston District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED**9.6.2 ADVOCACY FRAMEWORK**

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Consulted:	All constituent council CEOs
Strategic Reference:	Strategic Plan 2020-2025
Budget Implications:	nil
Risk Assessment:	low
Attachments:	9.6.2 - Draft Advocacy Framework

Moved: District Council of Grant
Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the Advocacy Framework be adopted

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9.6.3 ADVOCACY FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND FIBRE

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Consulted:	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Strategic Reference:	Strategic Plan 2020-2025
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	9.6.3 NLC Item 13.12 Protection of agricultural lands

RESOLUTION

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Seconded: Kingston District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the report and resolution of Naracoorte Lucindale Council on 25 November 2025 titled 13.12 Protection of agricultural lands be noted.
3. That the LCLGA:
 - a. Values and recognises the significance of the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors to the economic and social wellbeing of our region.
 - b. Acknowledges that sustainable management and protection of primary production land, ground water and coast is vital for the long term economic and social prosperity of the Limestone Coast.
 - c. Seeks measures to ensure that renewable energy and mining projects and activities will be secondary to - and will in no way diminish - established high value primary production.
 - d. That this matter be added to the 2026 advocacy plan for immediate action and incorporated into the 5-year strategic plan.

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9.6.4 EYES ON EYRE

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Officers consulted:	Constituent Council CEOs
Strategic Reference:	
Budget Implications:	Nil

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Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	9.6.4 Eyes on Eyre Brief

Moved: District Council of Grant
 Seconded: Tatiara District of Grant

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That 'Eyes on Eyre' initiative be included in a strategic review of potential tourism projects undertaken by LCLGA in the 2026-27 year.

CARRIED

9.6.5 MEETING DATES FOR 2026

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Consulted:	Board and CEOs
Strategic Reference:	
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	Nil

RESOLUTION

Moved: Tatiara District Council
 Seconded: Kingston District Council

1. That the LCLGA Board adopt the following meeting dates for 2026:

DATE	LOCATION
13 FEBRUARY 2026	CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
10 APRIL 2026	DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE
26 JUNE 2026	DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT
7 AUGUST 2026	TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL
9 OCTOBER 2026	NARACOORTE LUCINDALE COUNCIL
11 DECEMBER 2026	KINGSTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

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9.7 DROUGHT SUPPORT

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Consulted:	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Strategic Reference:	
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	9.7 LGA Update on drought and upcoming webinar

RESOLUTION

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Seconded: Kingston District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the LCLGA:
 - a. Acknowledges the impact of drought on farmers, their families and the wider community
 - b. Stands with all South Australian regional communities currently experiencing the ongoing impacts of drought
 - c. Calls on the South Australian Government to do more to support primary producers through drought in addition to building resilience
 - d. Endorses Mayor Ross of Naracoorte Lucindale Council as the Spokesperson for LCLGA on matters related to drought

CARRIED
9.8 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES
9.8.1 AUDIT AND RISK

SUB-COMMITTEE	AUDIT AND RISK
MEETING DATE	19 November 2025
MINUTES	Attachment 9.8.1

Moved: Tatiara District Council
 Seconded: Kingston District Council

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That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 19 November 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED**9.8.2 TOURISM TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

SUB-COMMITTEE	Tourism Transition Committee
MEETING DATE/s	21 October 2025 1 December 2025
MINUTES	Attachment 9.8.2

RESOLUTION

Moved: Tatiara District Council

Seconded: District Council of Grant

That the minutes of the Tourism Transition Committee meetings held 21 October 2025 and 1 December 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED**9.8.3 TOURISM WORKING COMMITTEE**

SUB-COMMITTEE	Tourism Working Committee
MEETING DATE/s	4 November 2025
MINUTES	Attachment 9.8.3

Moved: Tatiara District Council

Seconded: Kingston District Council

That the minutes of the Tourism Working Committee meetings held 4 November 2025 be received and noted.

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9.8.4 ROADS AND TRANSPORT WORKING COMMITTEE

Nil

10. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received since the previous meeting of the Board held 10 October 2025.

*From: Limestone Coast Protection Alliance
RE: Unconventional gas extraction*

RESOLUTION

Moved: Kingston District Council
Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

1. That the correspondence received be noted.

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2. That a response be drafted regarding the resolution made in item 9.6.3	CARRIED
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15. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The President sought leave of the meeting to bring item 15.2 LCLGA Policy Priorities 2026 forward for discussion prior to item 15.1.

CARRIED**15.2 LCLGA POLICY PRIORITIES 2026****CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) the Limestone Coast Local Government Association Board (the Board) orders that all members of the public, except Mayor Lynette Martin OAM, Mayor Liz Goossens, Mayor Kylie Boston, Mayor Jeff Pope, Mayor Patrick Ross, Kingsley Green, Darryl Whicker, Nat Traeger, Ian Hart, Kelly Westell and Charlotte Edmonds be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Agenda Item 15.2 LCLGA POLICY PRIORITIES 2026

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

- (b) information the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Board is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
- (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 Board is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances to preserve Board's ability to present this document to the State Government and key stakeholders prior to a media release on the subject, ensuring the Board's ability to negotiate the most advantageous position on behalf of the Limestone Coast and constituent councils.

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Moved: Tatiara District Council
Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

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Report Author:	Executive Officer
Consulted:	LCLGA Board and CEOs External Stakeholders
Strategic Reference:	Strategic Plan 2020-2025 Regional Growth Strategy
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	15.2.1 LIMESTONE COAST POLICY PRIORITIES 2026 15.2.2 LIMESTONE COAST TOURISM PRIORITY PROJECTS 2026

RESOLUTION

Moved: Grant District Council
Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

1. That the report be received and noted
2. That the LCLGA endorse the advocacy document and enable the EO to make amendments as discussed to complete the document.
3. That the LCLGA endorse the document titled *Limestone Coast Tourism Priorities 2026* for State election and ongoing advocacy

CARRIED**CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL**

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Board orders that the report Advocacy Priorities and its attachments, resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Board in confidence under:
 - (b) information the disclosure of which -

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(i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and

(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

(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 such time that the Board has presented the document to the State Government and key stakeholders, and a media release publicly announcing the document has been made.

2. Further that Board 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.

Moved: Kingston District Council

Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

CARRIED

15.1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER PROBATIONARY PERIOD

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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The Board is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3)(a) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

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

The Board 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 information to be presented and discussed relates to the performance review of the Executive Officer, the disclosure of which would be

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unreasonable disclosure of personal information relating to the employment of the Executive Officer, Charlotte Edmunds.

Moved: Tatiara District Council**Seconded:** District Council of Grant**CARRIED****RESOLUTION**

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CARRIED**CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL**

1. In accordance with Section 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Limestone Coast Local Government Association Board (the Board) orders that the report Executive Officer Probationary Period and its attachments, the discussion and the resolution(s) and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the



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Board in confidence under Section 90(2) & (3)(a) be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until 2 years after the initial appointment term and any renewal term of the Executive Officer, Charlotte Edmunds has elapsed.

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

Moved: Kingston District Council
Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSE: 1.26 pm