



Limestone Coast Local Government Association

Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes

10 April 2026

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**Limestone Coast Local Government Association**

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**MINUTES Of the Ordinary Meeting of the  
Limestone Coast Local Government Association Board**

held at the

**Robe Institute**  
131 Mundy Terrace, Robe SA 5276  
on

**10 April 2026**



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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	Gary Button	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 - Meeting opened at 10:06am**

**Cr. David Laurie welcomed attendees 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.*

**2. APOLOGIES**

**Board Members leave of absence:** Mayor Lisa Ruffell, District Council of Robe

**CEO's/Staff apologies:** Ian Hart, CEO Kingston District Council, Gary Button, CEO District Council of Grant

**RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Tatiara District Council  
SECONDED: District Council of Grant

That the Board note the leave of absence of District Council of Robe Mayor Ruffell and the apology of District Council of Robe Deputy Mayor Nick Brown.

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**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

SECONDED: Kingston District Council

That the minutes of the LCLGA Board Meeting held 13 February 2026 held at Mount Gambier be taken as read and confirmed as accurate.

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**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**5. BUSINESS ADJOURNED**

Nil

**6. MINUTE ACTION LIST****RESOLUTION**

Moved: Kingston District Council

Seconded: District Council of Robe

That the minute action list be received and noted.

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**7. EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS**

**7.1 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Report Author:** Jennifer Schilling

**Attachments:** Att. 7.1 PIRSA update April 2026

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Seconded: Tatiara District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

**7.2 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA – LIMESTONE COAST**

**Report Author:**

**Attachments:** Att. 7.2 RDA Limestone Coast update April 2026

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: District Council of Grant

Seconded: Tatiara District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

**7.3 CROSS BORDER COMMISSIONER**

**Report Author:** Kelly-Anne Saffin, Cross Border Commissioner

**Attachments:** Att. 7.3 CBC Update April 2026

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Seconded: District Council of Robe

1. That the report be received and noted.

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**7.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**Report:**

**Attachments:** [Member services updates | LGA South Australia](#)

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Tatiara District Council

Seconded: Kingston District Council

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**7.5 ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY**

**Report Author:** Peta Crewe, Regional Director, Mount Gambier

**Attachments:** Att. 7.5 Adelaide University update

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Kingston District Council

Seconded: District Council of Grant

1. That the report be received and noted.

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**8. LCLGA REPORTS**

**8.1 PRESIDENTS REPORT**

<b>Report Author:</b>	LCLGA President
<b>Consulted:</b>	N/A
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Low
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: City of Mount Gambier

Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

1. That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

## 8.2 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

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

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Seconded: Kingston District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

## 8.3 FINANCE REPORT – BUDGET REVIEW 3

<b>Report Author:</b>	Executive Officer
<b>Officers consulted:</b>	External Finance Consultant Audit and Risk Committee
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	A reduction in consolidated review of \$123,196
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Extreme (Mismanagement of funds or fraud)
<b>Attachments:</b>	8.3 BUDGET REVIEW 3

### RESOLUTION

Moved: District Council of Robe

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 8.3 Budget Review 3**

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#### 8.4 LCLGA POLICY AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

<b>Report Author:</b>	Executive Officer
<b>Consulted:</b>	Audit and Risk Committee
<b>Strategic Reference:</b>	Strategic Plan 2020-2025
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	High
<b>Attachments:</b>	8.4.1 draft policy and procedures register update 2026 8.4.2 Risk management policy 8.4.3 Risk management Framework 8.4.4 Procurement policy 8.4.5 Draft V2 Code of Conduct for Board members

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Kingston District Council  
Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

That the LCLGA Board resolves that:

1. The report be received and noted.
2. All recommendations as per presented policy and procedure register be adopted, including retiring 62 policies.
3. The updated *Procurement Policy* be adopted as presented.
4. The updated *Code of Conduct for Board members* be adopted as presented.
5. That the Board notes the *Risk Management Policy and Framework* are in development.

CARRIED

#### 8.5 RISK REGISTER AND ASSURANCE MAP

<b>Report Author:</b>	Executive Officer
<b>Consulted:</b>	Audit and Risk Committee
<b>Strategic Reference:</b>	Strategic Plan 2020-2025
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Low
<b>Attachments:</b>	8.5 Risk Assurance Map and detailed observations

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**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council  
 Seconded: Kingston District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.

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**8.6 DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN**

<b>Report Author:</b>	Executive Officer
<b>Consulted:</b>	Nil
<b>Strategic Reference:</b>	Strategic Plan 2020-2025
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Low
<b>Attachments:</b>	8.6.1 Phase 1 Implementation Grant Application
	8.6.2 DRAFT Implementation Plan

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council  
 Seconded: District Council of Grant

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. The LCLGA write to State and Federal Ministers responsible outlining our concerns with process and outputs of the Drought Resilience Plan

CARRIED

**8.7 LCLGA ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET 2026-2031**

<b>Report Author:</b>	Executive Officer
<b>Officers consulted:</b>	Audit and Risk Committee External Finance Consultant
<b>Strategic Reference:</b>	Charter 5.4 Annual Business Plan and Budget
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	



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<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	EXTREME
<b>Attachments:</b>	8.7 DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET 2026-2031

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council  
Seconded: District Council of Robe

That the LCLGA Board resolves that:

1. The LCLGA Annual Plan and Budget 2026-2031, as amended, be referred to Constituent Councils for review and comment.
2. That a workshop be held to discuss RDA LC funding agreements.

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**8.8 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**8.8.1 TOURISM TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

<b>SUB-COMMITTEE</b>	Tourism Transition Committee
<b>MEETING DATE/s</b>	yet to be scheduled
<b>MINUTES</b>	Nil

**8.8.2 TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

<b>SUB-COMMITTEE</b>	Tourism Management Committee
<b>MEETING DATE/s</b>	24 February 2026
<b>MINUTES</b>	8.8.2 LCLGA_TMC Minutes February 2026 Draft

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Kingston District Council  
Seconded: District Council of Grant

That the draft minutes of the Tourism Management Committee meeting held 24 February 2026 be received and noted.

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**8.8.3 ROADS AND TRANSPORT WORKING COMMITTEE**

<b>SUB-COMMITTEE</b>	ROADS AND TRANSPORT WORKING COMMITTEE
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	Next meeting TBC - awaiting completion of Transport Plan
<b>MINUTES</b>	nil.

**8.8.4 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

<b>SUB-COMMITTEE</b>	LCLGA AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	27 March 2026
<b>MINUTES</b>	8.8.4 LCLGA AandR Committee March 2026 Draft minutes

<p><b>RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>Moved: Tatiara District Council Seconded: Kingston District Council</p> <p>That the draft minutes of the LCLGA Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 27 March 2026 be received and noted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
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**9. LIMESTONE COAST REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION**

<b>Report Author:</b>	LCLGA EXECUTIVE OFFICER
<b>Consulted:</b>	REGIONAL TOURISM MANAGER
<b>Strategic Reference:</b>	Strategic Plan 2020-2025
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Low
<b>Attachments:</b>	9.1 Limestone Coast Connective Trails Strategy flyer

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**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Tatiara District Council  
 Seconded: Kingston District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.

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**10. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**11. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil

**12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil

**14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**14.2 Tourism Transition Update**

<b>Report Author:</b>	LCLGA EXECUTIVE OFFICER
<b>Consulted:</b>	LCLGA PRESIDENT
<b>Strategic Reference:</b>	Strategic Plan 2020-2025
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Extreme (Reputational and Human Resources)
<b>Attachments:</b>	14.1 LCLGA Tourism Governance – Future Structure 14.2 Limestone Coast Tourism – Transition Proposal

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**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Tatiara District Council

Seconded: District Council Grant

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**CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Exclusion of the Public – Section 90(2) Order

Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(k) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Limestone Coast Local Government Association Board (the Board) orders all persons present with the exception of all Board Members, RDA LC Chair Robyn Verrall and LCLGA CEOs Paul Simpson, Kingsley Green, Nat Traeger, Kelly Westell, Rebecca Perkin and Charlotte Edmunds be excluded from attendance during Agenda Item **14.1 Tourism Transition Update**. The Board is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3)(k) of the Act, the associated documents to be received, discussed and considered in relation to this is:

- (b) Information the disclosure of which –
  - (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.
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which –
  - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; 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 because the information to be disclosed and discussed has the potential to impact adversely on each of the tenderers as competitive commercial information will be disclosed.



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Moved: Robe District Council  
Seconded: District Council of Grant

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#### CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council  
Seconded: Tatiara District Council

1. Having considered Agenda Item **14.1 Tourism transition Update** in confidence under section 90(2) and (3)(k) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Limestone Coast Local Government Association Board (the Board), pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act orders that the documents and minutes relevant to Agenda Item **14.1 Tourism Transition Update**, having been considered by the Board in confidence under:
  - (b) Information the disclosure of which –
    - (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.
  - (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which –
    - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
    - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

be retained in confidence until such time as all parties, including staff, have been notified.
2. The Board delegates to the LCLGA Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the power to revoke the order made by the Board under Section 91(7) and (9) of the Act at part (1) of this resolution at any time prior to the expiration of the period of the order specified therein.

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**15. MEETING SCHEDULE**

As per Clause 3.7.7 of the LCLGA Charter, the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Board (including the Annual General Meeting), fixed by the Board in accordance with Clause 3.7.2, will be confirmed at each ordinary meeting of the Board.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council  
Seconded: District Council Grant

1. That the Board confirm the 2026 meeting schedule as follows;

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
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

2. That the Board note a Special Meeting will be called in mid-September to adopt the **2025/26 Annual Report with Audited Financial Statements** before being released to Constituent Councils.

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**16. MEETING CLOSE**

11:42am