



Limestone Coast Local Government Association

Special Board Meeting Minutes

17 September 2026

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MINUTES of the SPECIAL Meeting of the
Limestone Coast Local Government Association Board

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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>
Southern Limestone Coast Council	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
Southern Limestone Coast Council	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. OPEN

Meeting opened 9:46am

2. APOLOGIES**Board Member apologies:** Mayor Jeff Pope, Mayor Lisa Ruffell**Board Members leave of absence:** Nil**CEO's/Staff apologies:** Paul Simpson (City of Mount Gambier), Ian Hart (Kingston District Council)**RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Southern Limestone Coast Council

SECONDED: Tatiara District Council

That the Board notes apologies received from Mayor Jeff Pope and Mayor Lisa Ruffell.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION

4.1 2025-26 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Consulted:	Audit and Risk Committee
Strategic Reference:	Strategic Plan 2026-2031
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	High (Statutory and Regulatory)
Attachments:	4.1.1 DRAFT Annual Report 2025-26
	4.1.2 Draft Management Letter
	4.1.3 Draft Management Representation Letter
	4.1.4 2025-26 Annual Business Plan & Budget
	4.1.5 LCLGA Budget Comparison report 2025-26

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Tatiara District Council

SECONDED: Southern Limestone Coast Council

That the Board;

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Draft Management Letter received from External Auditor Bentleys.
2. NOTE the External Auditor's intention to issue an unmodified (clean) audit opinion on the LCLGAs Annual Financial Statements, subject to the final execution of the Management Representation Letter.
3. AUTHORISE the President and Executive Officer to sign the 2025/26 Management Representation Letter.
4. RECEIVE and NOTE the 2025/26 Budget to Actual Financial Statements.
5. AUTHORISE the Executive Officer and the President of the LCLGA and all Chief Executive Officers of the Constituent Councils to sign the Audit Independence Statement.
6. AUTHORISE the Executive Officer and the President of the LCLGA to sign the Certification of Financial Statements certificate associated with the Financial Statements pertaining to the operations of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association for the financial year ending 30 June 2026, pursuant to Section 14 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2026.
7. ADOPT the audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2026 and publish them in the Annual Report accordingly.
8. ADOPT draft Annual Report as presented with the inclusion of signed Financial Statements.

CARRIED

4.2 Write-Off of Irrecoverable Debts

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Consulted:	External Finance Consultant
Strategic Reference:	Strategic Plan 2026-2031
Budget Implications:	The total write-off amount of \$2,470 will be funded from the existing Provision for Doubtful Debts within the Budget. Consequently, this action will have no additional impact on the current financial year's operating surplus/deficit.
Risk Assessment:	high
Attachments:	4.2 sporting academy debtor ledger

RESOLUTION

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Seconded: Tatiara District Council

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. Approves the write-off of irrecoverable debts totalling \$2,470 in accordance with Section 143(1) of the Local Government Act 1999, consisting of un-paid sporting academy participant fees for the 2025 calendar year.
3. Notes that all reasonable and economic recovery pathways have been exhausted, and these debts will be cleared from the debtor ledger against the Provision for Doubtful Debts.

CARRIED

4.3 LCLHN Engagement Strategy Oversight Committee

Report Author:	Executive Officer
Consulted:	President
Strategic Reference:	Strategic Plan 2026-2031 <i>Pillar 4</i> Community and Social Wellbeing
Budget Implications:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Low
Attachments:	4.3.1 Correspondence received - LCLHN 4.3.2 LCLHN Engagement and Strategy Oversight Committee TORs

RESOLUTION

Moved: Tatiara District Council

Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That LCLGA Executive Officer be appointed to the LCLHN Engagement and Strategy Oversight Committee

CARRIED

5. MEETING CLOSE

9:55am