

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HELD ON FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019, TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, 43 WOOLSHED STREET BORDERTOWN SA 5268

1.0 MEMBERS/DEPUTY MEMBERS

Meeting opened at 10.05 by Mayor Erika Vickery (President)

Mayor Vickery welcomed Mr Tony Pasin Member for Barker, New District council of Grant CEO Mr Darryl Whicker, all guests speakers and LCLGA member councils.

Welcome to Tatiara District Council by Mayor Graham Excell

- Tatiara District Council being selected as one of the councils to receive \$1m in drought funding. Statistics for the Padthaway area recognised 2019 as the second driest year in 50 years for the area. The council can apply for \$1m worth of projects, with each needing to be a minimum of \$25,000. Each project must be completed by the strict deadline of December, 2020.
- Tatiara District Council presented Joint Standing Committee on Migration on the 20th November, on Migrant settlement in regional Australia.
- Establishment of a cross-border alliance between Limestone Coast Local Government Association and the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association through a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Opening of "Discovering the Portrait" Art exhibition at Walkway Gallery 13th December.
- Mayor Excell wished all a Merry Christmas.

Tony Pasin – Member for Barker

- Thanked LCLGA councils for the collaboration and support during the 2019 year, a big year for the Federal Government.
- Roads to Recovery has attracted 566,754 in funding into the region, currently limited to Tatiara. More information [here](#).
- Round 5 of Mobile Blackspot open. New NBN Joint Select Committee to develop better methodology for priority areas. More information [here](#)
- Regional Roads Funding has been fast tracked. More information [here](#).
- New Skilled Visas to encourage Migration to the regions. More Information [here](#)

Ian McKay – Regional Manager, Uni SA

- Mount Gambier Campus opened in 2005, \$10million Annual Contribution to the regional economy. \$12.5million learning Centre opened 2016. Servicing Limestone Coast and Western Victoria.
- Overview Forest Research Mount Gambier, Project Work with Councils/ Businesses Student Placements / Internships / Summer Employment, Research, Partnerships, Support for our Regional Community (sponsorships/public lectures), Tailored Short Courses, Undergraduate and Post graduate offerings.

Jim O'Hehir - General Manager-Forest Research, Uni SA

- Australian Forest Research has a new model. Previously CSIRO Divisions & State Departments. In May 2016 National Institute for Forest Products Innovation (NIFPI) was commenced with centre in Mount Gambier & Launceston centres. With \$4m Commonwealth/State + \$2m Industry for Project based - competitive process with measurable outputs/outcomes.
- ForestrySA/UniSA set up Forest Research Mount Gambier and was launched May 2018. Forest Research Mount Gambier is a partnership between the UniSA, the Governments of South Australia and Australia and the forest industry. It assists in delivering the regional priorities of the NIFPI. More information [here](#).

Tony Elletson – Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy

- Jackson Raynor – LCRSA Athlete from Tatiara Council area shared his highlights and the opportunities that the academy has provided for him over the past two years and how this has

contributed to his success in his chosen sport and exposed him to other sports that he could be competitive in.

- LCRSA has been operating for 2 years and entering into a third year with over 7 athletes across several sports. The growth has been rapid and now the operational and funding model requires a review and future strategy for the ongoing sustainability. Further information [here](#).

1.1 Present

Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mayor Erika Vickery (President)
City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Lynnette Martin
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Des Noll Cr. Moira Neagle (Deputy Mayor)
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage (Vice President) Cr Kylie Boston
Kingston District Council	Mayor Kay Rasheed Cr. Chris England
District Council of Robe	Mayor Alison Nunan
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell

1.2 In Attendance

City of Mount Gambier	Mr Andrew Meddle (CEO)
District Council of Grant	Mr Darryl Whicker (CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Mr Ben Gower (CEO)
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mr Trevor Smart (CEO)
District Council of Robe	Mr James Holyman (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Ms Nat Traeger (CEO)
Tatiara District Council	Ms Anne Champness (CEO)
LCLGA	Mr Tony Wright (EO) Mr Tony Elletson (Star Club Field Officer /LCRSA Manager) Ms Mae Steele (Executive Support Officer)

1.3 Guests and Observers

Federal Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
LGA SA	Mr Stephen Smith
UniSA	Mr Ian McKay (Regional Manager) Mr Jim O'Hehir (General Manager-Forest Research)
RDA Limestone Coast	Mr David Wheaton (CEO)

1.4 Apologies

Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP Mr Travis Fatchen (Office Manager)
Member for MacKillop	Mr Nick McBride MP
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe (Regional Manager – Limestone Coast)
DPTI – Office of Local Government	Ms Alex Hart (Director)
AusIndustry	Miss Elise Gordon (Regional Manager Southern SA)
District Council of Grant	Cr Gill Clayfield
City of Mount Gambier	Cr. Sonya Meziniec
Kingston District Council	Cr. Chris England
Wattle Range Council	Cr. Moira Neagle (Deputy Mayor)

“That the apologies be accepted.”

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Any delegate or staff member with a potential conflict of interest is asked to declare the interest on the supplied **Conflict of Interests Declaration Form** detailing what the conflict is and why they will not be participating in any item relating to that issue. NIL

3.0 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

3.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the June LC LGA General Meeting held in the District Council of Robe on 11th October 2019

“That the Minutes of the LC LGA General Meeting held on 11th October 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”

Moved, Wattle Range Council **Seconded**, City of Mount Gambier

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4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Business arising from the Minutes of the October 2019 General Meeting. Refer to Action Sheet

5.0 ACTION SHEET

11th October 2019

- 8.4.3 – 1st LCLGA Risk and Audit Committee meeting scheduled for 19th December 2019.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Inwards and Outwards

Key Correspondence to 5th December 2019.

Many of these correspondence items will have been received directly by member councils. Should any delegate wish to access any correspondence items listed, but not included with this agenda, they can be made available by contacting the LC LGA Executive Officer.

“That correspondence be received and noted by LC LGA delegates.”

Moved, District Council of Robe **Seconded**, Kingston District Council

CARRIED

7.0 FINANCIAL

7.1 Financial Reports

It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Receive and note the finance reports:
 - a. Report from the Executive Officer.
 - b. The Balance Sheet for the period ending 31st October 2019.
 - c. The Consolidated Profit and Loss Budget Analysis for the period 1st July 2019 to 31st October 2019.

Moved, Wattle Range Council

Seconded, Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

8.0 RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

8.1 LCLGA 2020-2025 Draft Strategic Plan

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

1. Receives and notes the report.
2. Approve the release of the draft strategic plan draft for elected member engagement and feedback to present the final plan in February 2020.

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, District Council of Robe

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8.2 Accommodation Review

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

1. Receive and note the progress in the accommodation review process.

Moved, Wattle Range Council

Seconded, District Council of Robe

CARRIED

8.3 Cross-Border Initiative: Memorandum of Understanding

Anne Champness, LCLGA Tourism Management Group

It is recommended that LC LGA;

1. Note the report.
2. Endorse the establishment of a cross-border alliance between Limestone Coast Local Government Association and the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association through a Memorandum of Understanding.
3. Authorise the President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Moved, Tatiara District Council

Seconded, Wattle Range Council

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8.4 LCLGA 2020 Schedule of Meetings

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

1. Receive and note the report.

2. Endorse the two LC LGA GM amended dates for 2020.

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, Kingston District Council

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8.5 Executive Officer Performance Review (Probationary Period)

1. Pursuant to Section 3.6.18 of the LCLGA Charter, and Section 90 of the Local Government Act 1999, the Association orders that the public with the exception of:

Ms Nat Traeger (CEO) Kingston District Council

Ms Anne Champness (CEO) Tatiara District Council

Mr Andrew Meddle (CEO) City of Mount Gambier

Mr Darryl Whicker (CEO) District Council of Grant

Mr Ben Gower (CEO) Wattle Range Council

Mr Trevor Smart (CEO) Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Mr James Holyman (CEO) District Council of Robe

be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider and discuss Confidential Item 8.5 Executive Officer Performance Review (Probationary Period).

2. Is satisfied that the principle that meetings of LCLGA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in relation to this matter because it relates to information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, Wattle Range Council

CARRIED

LCLGA President

It is recommended that LCLGA:

1. Receive and note the report; and
2. Confirm retrospectively the continuation of the employment agreement with Tony Wright as per the terms set out in the agreement, 3rd June 2019.

Moved, District Council of Grant

Seconded, District Council of Robe

CARRIED

Report to remain in confidence

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, Wattle Range Council

CARRIED

8.6 Destination Tourism Plan Tender Evaluation

1. Pursuant to Section 3.6.18 of the LCLGA Charter, and Section 90 of the Local Government Act 1999, the Association orders that the public with the exception of:

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Ms Anne Champness (CEO) Tatiara District Council
Mr Andrew Meddle (CEO) City of Mount Gambier
Mr Darryl Whicker (CEO) District Council of Grant
Mr Ben Gower (CEO) Wattle Range Council
Mr Trevor Smart (CEO) Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Mr James Holyman (CEO) District Council of Robe
Mr Tony Wright (EO) LCLGA

be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider and discuss Confidential Item 8.6 Destination Tourism Plan Tender Evaluation.

2. Is satisfied that the principle that meetings of LCLGA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in relation to this matter because it relates to information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, District Council of Robe

CARRIED

LCLGA President

It is recommended that LCLGA:

1. Receive and note the report; and
2. Endorse the appointment of Tourism E-School to develop a Limestone Coast Destination Tourism Plan and Destination Marketing Plan as outlined in the tender submission by April 2020.
3. Authorise the Executive Officer to issue a contract for services.

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, District Council of Robe

CARRIED

Release from confidence

Moved, District Council of Robe **Seconded,** Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

9.0 INFORMATION REPORTS

9.1 **LC LGA President's Report** *To be tabled*

9.1.1 LGA Board

- (i) Draft Minutes of the LGA Board of Directors Meeting held on Thursday 17th October and Thursday 21st November.

9.1.2 SAROC

- (ii) Draft Minutes and Key Outcomes of the SAROC Meeting held on Wednesday 20th November 2019.

9.2 **Local Government Association of SA**

Stephen Smith

- Congratulated the City of Mount Gambier on the 2019 Sustainable Communities Award.
- Local Government Reform Submission [here](#)
- LGA Procurement – New electricity supply contracts more information [here](#)
- Lea Bacon is the new director of Policy at LGA SA, Stephen will spend the next 18 months on the Planning Reform to assist councils to be ready. Draft Planning and Design Code more information [here](#).

9.3 **Executive Officer**

Tony Wright

9.4 **Climate Adaptation Project Officer**

Prae Wongthong

9.5 **Starclub Field Officer**

Tony Elletson

9.6 **Tourism Industry Development Manager**

Biddie Shearing

9.7 **Regional Community Road Safety Officer**

Ali Auld

9.8 **SEGRA Conference**

Ali Auld

9.9 **Limestone Coast Leadership Program**

Ali Auld

9.10 **LC Substance Misuse Project Officer**

Sophie Bouchier

9.11 **Project Manager**

Michaela Bell

It is recommended that LC LGA:

“the reports for LC LGA President, Local Government Association SA, Executive Officer, Climate Adaptation Project Officer, Starclub Field Officer, Tourism Industry Development Manager, Regional Community Road Safety Officer, SEGRA, Limestone Coast Leadership Program, Substance Misuse Project Officer and Project Manager be received and noted.”

Moved, Wattle Range Council

Seconded, Kingston District Council

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10.0 REPORTS FOR NOTING (Documentation available on request)

10.1 Submission Joint Standing Committee on Migration

10.2 Submission to the Inquiry into Local Government Costs and Efficiency Draft Report

11.0 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

11.1 **LCLGA Economic Development Reference Group 26th Nov 2019**

11.2 **LCLGA Tourism Management Group 21st October 2019**

It is recommended that LC LGA:

“The Minutes and reports from the LCLGA Economic Development Reference Group and LCLGA Tourism Management Group having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

Moved, City of Mount Gambier **Seconded**, Tatiara District Council

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12.0 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

12.1 **Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast**
David Wheaton - Chief Executive Officer

12.2 **LC Heritage Advisory Services – October 2019 report**
Richard Woods

It is recommended that LC LGA;

“Receives and note the Reports.”

Moved, District Council of Grant **Seconded**, City of Mount Gambier

CARRIED

13.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- Members and Staff of the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association joined the meeting and stayed to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.
- President Erika Vickery thanked all member councils and LCLGA staff for their contributions throughout 2019 and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

14.0 MEETING CLOSED – 1.15pm

The next LC LGA AGM & General Meeting is to be held in the Naracoorte Lucindale Council **Friday 14th February 2019**. Acceptances and apologies to Mae Steele, LC LGA Executive Support Officer Phone 8723 7310 or Email admin@lclga.sa.gov.au