

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HELD ON FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT NARACOORTE TOWN HALL, SMITH STREET NARACOORTE SA 5271

1.0 MEMBERS/DEPUTY MEMBERS

Presidents Welcome – Mayor Erika Vickery

Acknowledgement of Country added to the welcome agreed to by all councils present.

Mayor Vickery welcomed all present to the Naracoorte Lucindale Council as gave an overview of current activities including:

- Release of New visitor Guide for Naracoorte Lucindale
- Adopted Futures Plans for Kybybolite and Frances communities. Lucindale Township Masterplan and Naracoorte Creek & Creekwalk Masterplan commencing implementation and consultation on the Draft Naracoorte Regional Sports Centre Masterplan. The Naracoorte main Street Masterplan consultation to commence soon.
- Roadworks and Footpath Construction Projects are receiving positive feedback from the community.
- Old Caves Road – Stage 2 of 3 to Commence following SLRP Funding received Of \$650,000, the total cost of project is \$1.3M.
- Naracoorte Library Project – there was an opportunity to purchase of the Naracoorte Herald Building which adjoins Naracoorte Town Hall.

Superintendent Phil Hoff & Inspector Campbell Hill, SAPOL

An overview of services provided by the SAPOL across the Limestone Coast and to the small communities within the region. The presentation covered:

- Limestone Coast Operations Management - 120 positions for Officers, 100 filled with up to 20 vacancies. 18% down on workforce.
- Limestone Coast Local Service Area Crime Overview – relatively low crime compared to metropolitan.
- Alcohol and Drug Use in region.
- SAPOL has a new focus on Road Safety Since July 2019
- For non-urgent Police Attendance call 131 444
- Crime Stoppers for anonymous reporting 1800 300 000
- Referrals from SAPOL to Victim Support Service 1800 842 843

Biddie Shearing, LCLGA Tourism Industry Development Manager

A presentation on the development of the LCLGA Regional Tourism Program over the past 13years (Since 2007) including collaboration model and LC Regional Tourism Framework with LC councils, state government agencies and industry, funding, LCLGA Tourism Management Group Priorities to Grow Tourism (3 Year Plan), celebrating the Success of the long-running program, LC Brand Development, Regional Growth Strategy Priorities and future planning including the Destination Tourism and Marketing Strategy 2020 to 2025.

Meeting Opened at 10.40am (following LGLGA AGM and Guest Speakers)

1.1 Present

Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mayor Erika Vickery Cr Scott McLachlan Cr Craig McQuire
City of Mount Gambier	Cr. Sonya Meziniec (Deputy Mayor)
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Des Noll Cr. Moira Neagle (Deputy Mayor)
Kingston District Council	Mayor Kay Rasheed
District Council of Robe	Mayor Alison Nunan
Tatiara District Council	Cr Robert Mock (Deputy Mayor)

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) Mrs Biddie Shearing (Tourism Industry Development Manager) Ms Mae Steele (Executive Support Officer)

1.3 Guests and Observers

LGA SA	Mr Stephen Smith
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe (Regional Manager – Limestone Coast)
RDA Limestone Coast	Mr David Wheaton (CEO)

1.4 Apologies

Federal Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP Mr Travis Fatchen (Office Manager)
Member for MacKillop	Mr Nick McBride MP
UniSA	Mr Ian McKay (Regional Manager)
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	Mayor Lynnette Martin
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage

“That the apologies be accepted.”

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Seconded, District Council of Robe

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 LC LGA General Meeting held in the Tatiara District Council on 13TH December 2019

“That the Minutes of the LC LGA General Meeting held on 13th December 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”

Moved, Wattle Range Council **Seconded**, District Council of Robe

CARRIED

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - ACTION SHEET

Business arising from the Minutes of the December 2019 General Meeting.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Inwards and Outwards

Key Correspondence to 7TH February 2020

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, Kingston District Council **Seconded**, City of Mount Gambier

CARRIED

6.0 FINANCIAL

6.1 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 December 2019.
 - c. The Consolidated Profit and Loss Budget Analysis for the period 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2019.

Moved, Wattle Range Council **Seconded**, District Council of Robe

CARRIED

7.0 RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

7.1 Joint Planning Board

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

1. Receives and notes the report.

2. Councils consider the draft Joint Planning Board Agreement and provide feedback to the LCLGA Executive Officer by the 31st March 2020.

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

CARRIED

7.2 **Limestone Coast Wine Show Sponsorship**

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

1. Receives and notes the report
2. Supports the request for sponsor of the 2019 Limestone Coast Wine Show to the value of \$2,500 (plus GST) as detailed in the attached letter.

Moved, Wattle Range Council **Seconded**, Kingston District Council

CARRIED

8.0 **INFORMATION REPORTS**

8.1 **LC LGA President's Report**

15/12/2019 Limestone Coast Leadership 2020 Launch – Struan House

19/12/2019 LCLGA Audit and Risk Committee meeting in Penola

16/1/2020 Official launch of the new Limestone Coast Wine Tourism website
(www.limestonecoast.org.au) at the 36^o South Coonawarra Vignerons Cup

20/1/2020 LGA CEO Performance Review interview with consultant in Adelaide

21/1/2020 Meeting with Limestone Coast Local Government Representatives and Minister for Energy and Mining, Hon Dan Van Horst Pellekaan. The Minister gave an overview of the mining and energy portfolio.

21/1/2020 PIRSA Forest and Wood Products Prospects

Guest speaker was Tim Woods, managing director of Industry Edge, a leading source of data analysis, intelligence and advice for forest and wood markets. The event covered matters such as the current issues affecting global trade, especially upon exports from Portland; long term prospects for the forest and wood products industry; the relationship of the domestic housing industry and other drivers of demand with timber sales.

5/2/2020 SAROC

Rating Equity Electricity Generators – noted the report 'Rating Equity in SA and the Financial Impacts on Local Government's Ability to Support Growth' (which was led by the Legatus Group) and will write to Minister for Local Government and Minister for Energy and Mining outlining the findings from the report and seek a commitment from State Government to commence working with Local Government on amendments to rating policy with regards to electricity generators.

Borrow Pit – rehabilitation Code of Practice – wrote to Minister for Energy and Mining to seek a commitment from State Government to work with Local Government on a code of Practice for the rehabilitation of future borrow pits.

SAROC Strategic Plan and Annual Business Plan – workshop to review Plan and develop 2020-2021 Annual Business Plan – for consideration at the next SAROC meeting on the 19th March.

5/2/2020 **LGA Board meeting**

5/2/2020 **AMRC Board meeting**

As reported by the LGA President Mayor Sam Telfer

Last week the SA Productivity Commission released the final report for their Inquiry into Local Government Costs and Efficiency.

One of its key recommendations was for the LGA to work with the Government to develop an online sector-wide performance measurement and reporting system for councils.

The LGA has been advocating for such a framework since 2017, and it's encouraging to see the Productivity Commission confirm their support for this approach.

The primary purpose of a performance measurement and reporting system would be to help councils identify areas for continued improvement, but it would also provide increased transparency and better understanding of local government to our communities.

We strongly believe that this system should be developed by the sector, use existing data where possible, and be scalable so it's not a burden on smaller councils.

The Commission's report also makes a number of recommendations around industrial relations, financial planning and reporting, resource sharing and procurement. We'll be providing more information and seeking feedback from members on these proposals over the coming weeks.

It's worth noting that the Productivity Commission has not recommended rate capping in their report. They do acknowledge the impact of State Government cost shifting on councils, and recommend that the Government takes into account the impact of its decisions on local government.

The LGA worked closely with the Productivity Commission on this inquiry. We appreciate the advice and input we received from members, as well as the councils that provided their own submissions directly to the Commission.

Presidents Report Continued...

Planning reforms deferred - Last Friday the Government announced they will introduce legislation that will allow them to defer the implementation of the State's new planning system.

This system was due to roll out in phase two rural and regional councils on 1 April, but this is now expected to be delayed until 1 July.

The LGA has been pushing for a deferred start date for phase two, and it's good that the Government has listened to the concerns of councils and the community and acted accordingly.

Keilira Bushfires - I would like to acknowledge the bushfires at Keilira late in December, the sad loss of two fishermen in a tragic accident off Cape Jaffa and the loss of a young man at the Cave Gardens in Mt Gambier. Our thoughts are with the Kingston Council and City of Mt Gambier and all those affected by these events.

9.1.1 LGA Board

- (i) Draft Minutes of the LGA Board of Directors Meeting held on 12th December 2019 and 5th February 2020.

9.1.2 SAROC

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

8.2 Local Government Association of SA

Stephen Smith

- Rate Capping
- Solid Waste Levy
- LG Responses to Bushfire and congratulated councils assisting each other.
- Productivity Commission – Cost Imposs
- Benchmarking
- Planning reform deferred to July
- New Delegations
- Showcase & AGM April

Tatiara District Council and Wattle Range Council raised Benchmarking issues discussed – LCLGA Councils gave feedback and this wasn't included in submission.

8.3 Executive Officer

Tony Wright

8.4 Starclub Field Officer

Tony Elletson

8.5 Tourism Industry Development Manager

Biddie Shearing

8.6 Regional Community Road Safety Officer

Ali Auld

8.7 SEGRA Conference

Ali Auld

8.8 Limestone Coast Leadership Program

Ali Auld

8.9 LC Substance Misuse Project Officer

Sophie Bouchier

8.10 Project Manager

Michaela Bell

It is recommended that LC LGA:

“the reports for LC LGA President, Local Government Association SA, Executive 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, City of Mount Gambier **Seconded**, Kingston District Council

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9.0 EXTERNAL SUBMISSIONS FOR NOTING

9.1 No submissions since December 2019.

10.0 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 10.1 LCLGA Risk and Audit Minutes - 19th December 2019 were presented.
- Mayor Des Noll congratulated the LCLGA in the establishing a Risk and Audit Committee.

Motion without notice, **Moved**, Wattle Range Council

It is recommended that LC LGA;

“Receives and note the LCLGA Risk and Audit Committee Minutes from 19th December 2019 having first been circulated amongst the Risk and Audit Committee.”

Seconded, Kingston District Council

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11.0 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

11.1 Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast

David Wheaton - Chief Executive Officer

- Limestone Coast Prospectus of Priorities Released
- Bushfire Recovery – National Teleconference
- TraNSIT Limestone Coast Final Report to be released on 12th March
- 4 New Staff commenced
- ID profile available for use by Limestone Coast Councils - \$30K investment

11.2 LC Heritage Advisory Services Reports – December 2019 & January 2020

Richard Woods

- City of Mount Gambier noted the unauthorised consultation regarding the New Community Hub. Executive officer to follow up with City of Mount Gambier and heritage Advisor.

It is recommended that LC LGA;

“Receives and note the Reports.”

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

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12.0 **OTHER BUSINESS**

Peta Crewe, Regional Manager PIRSA.

- Bushfire Recovery Support. Link [here](#)
- Red Meat and Wool Growth Program Link [here](#)
- Charter Boat Diversification Funding Link [here](#)
- Evoke AgTec 2020 Link [here](#)

13.0 **MEETING CLOSED** – 1.40pm

The next LC LGA General Meeting is to be held in the Kingston District Council **Friday 17th April 2020**. Acceptances and apologies to Mae Steele, Executive Support Officer Phone 8723 7310 or Email admin@lclga.sa.gov.au

LC LGA CALENDAR

Date	Meeting	Location
19 th March 2020	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
2 nd & 3 rd April 2020	Council Best Practice Showcase LGA Ordinary GM	Adelaide Entertainment Centre
17 th April 2020*	LC LGA GM	Kingston District Council
21 st May 2020	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
19 th June 2020*	LC LGA GM	City of Mount Gambier
23 rd July 2020	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
14 th August 2020	LC LGA GM	Wattle Range Council
TBC August 2020	LGA Roads & Works Conference	TBC
17 th September 2020	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
9 th October 2020	LC LGA	District Council of Robe
29 st October 2020	LGA Conference & AGM	Adelaide Oval, Adelaide.
19 th November 2020	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
11 th December 2020	LC LGA GM & Christmas Lunch	Grant District Council
TBA February 2021	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
12 th February 2021	LG LGA AGM & GM	Tatiara District Council