

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HELD ON FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER 2020 IN THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT at THE BARN, 747 GLENELG RIVER ROAD, OB Flat (VIA MOUNT GAMBIER)

Meeting Opened - 10.00am

President Mayor Erika Vickery

Welcomed Member councils and guests.

Acknowledgement of Country and the First Nations people.

Mayor Richard Sage, District Council of Grant

Mayor Sage welcomed members and guests to the District Council of Grant and to the fantastic local business - The Barn. He acknowledges the difficult year the it has been, and congratulated Limestone Coast Councils on working with State/ Federal Governments and together to keep our communities safe. Mayor Sage encouraged all to shop local especially beef, lamb and local crayfish. The recently announced \$59M Timberlink development will bring new technology to the region and long term manufacturing jobs for the region.

10.15am - With the leave of the meeting Mayor Vickery paused the meeting to acknowledge and thank LCLGA Members Councils and LCLGA employees for their contributions and collaboration throughout the 2020 year.

10.25am - Meeting recommenced

Guest Speaker

Sonya Mezinac - Safety Hub Project Officer, Centacare

Sonya introduced the Safety Hub after an acknowledgement of Country and the Boandik people. Through the Office for Women the State Government has committed to nine hubs across South Australia's regions. Safety hubs will provide a single point of contact for women and their children to ensure they can access the supports they need, and that interventions and responses are appropriate. They will also improve access for regional communities.

The Whyalla and Limestone Coast service response hubs will be delivered through Centacare Country SA and Limestone Coast DV service partners in 2020–21. Centacare proposes to work with Limestone Councils to find the most suitable locations for safety hubs in each council area eg Libraries or Community Centre's. Discussions have commenced with Wattle Range and Mount Gambier councils and plans to meet with other councils in coming weeks.

1.0 MEMBERS/DEPUTY MEMBERS

1.1 Present

Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mayor Erika Vickery (President)
City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Lynette Martin
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Des Noll
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage (Vice President)
Kingston District Council	Mayor Kay Rasheed
District Council of Robe	Mayor Alison Nunan
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell

1.2 In Attendance

City of Mount Gambier	Ms Barbara Cernovskis (Acting CEO)
District Council of Grant	Mr Darryl Whicker (CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Mr Ben Gower (CEO)
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mr Trevor Smart (CEO)
Tatiara District Council	Ms Anne Champness (CEO)
LCLGA	Mr Tony Wright (EO) Mrs Biddie Shearing (Destination Development Manager) Mrs Michaela Bell (Program & Policy Coordinator) Ms Sophie Bouchier (Substance Misuse Limestone Coast Project Officer) Ms Mae Steele (Executive Assistant/Corporate Services Officer)

1.3 Guests and Observers

UniSA	Mr Ian McKay
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe (Regional Manager, Limestone Coast)
Centacare	Ms Sonya Meziniec (Safety Hub Project Officer)
LC LGA	

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
District Council of Robe	Mr James Holyman (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Ms Nat Traeger (CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Cr. Moira Neagle (Deputy Mayor)
LGA SA	Mr Stephen Smith (Planning Reform) Ms Alison Down (GAROC & SAROC Coordinator)
Ausindustry	Ms Elise Gordan

“That the apologies be accepted.”

Moved, District Council of Grant

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 October LC LGA General Meeting held in the Wattle Range Council on 9th October 2020.

“That the Minutes of the LC LGA General Meeting held on 9th October 2020 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”

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

CARRIED

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – ACTION SHEET

Business arising from the Minutes of the October 2020 General Meeting. The updated action sheet was tabled and discussed.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 **Inwards and Outwards**

Correspondence register to 6th December 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, Wattle Range Council **Seconded**, City of Mount Gambier

CARRIED

6.0 FINANCIAL

6.1 Financial Reports

It is recommended that LC LGA:

Receive and note the finance reports:

- a. Report from the Executive Officer.
- b. The Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2020.
- c. The Consolidated Profit and Loss Budget Analysis for the period 1st July 2020 to 31st October 2020.

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

CARRIED



7.0 **RECOMMENDATION REPORTS**

7.1 **Limestone Coast Destination Strategy**

Destination Development Manager

Presentation of the final Limestone Coast Destination Tourism and Marketing Plan 2025 was provided. The presentation has been circulated to LCLGA Members and a Snapshot of the final documents can be found [here](#).

It is recommended that LCLGA;

1. Endorse the draft Limestone Coast Destination Tourism and Marketing Plan
2. Endorse the preparation of an implementation plan with resourcing options and budget considerations to be presented to the LCLGA board at the February 2021 meeting.
3. Evolve the LCLGA Tourism Management Group into the Regional Reference Group and prepare an amended set of terms of reference.

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, Wattle Range Council

CARRIED

7.2 **Mixed Dozen Trails Project**

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LCLGA;

1. Receives and notes the report;
2. Authorises the LCLGA Executive Officer to negotiate the regional investment level and conditions of the grant arrangements
3. The resulting funding requirement be included in the 2021/22 and future business plans.
4. Any impacts in 2020/21 financial year be deducted from members equity.
5. The final agreement be reported to the Board.

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

CARRIED

7.3 **LCLGA 2020-2021 Business Plan Assumptions**

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LCLGA;

Approves the assumptions to develop business plan models with an amendment made to “agree to” (not accept) to continue to make annual losses and drawn down members equity.

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



CARRIED

7.4 LCLGA Board, Committee and Outside Organisation Appointments

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LCLGA;

Approves the extension of current LCLGA Board, Committee and outside appointments until the next local government election in 2022.

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

CARRIED

7.5 LCLGA 2021 Meeting Schedule

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA:

Endorse proposed the LCLGA 2021 meeting dates and council locations noting they could be subject to change to accommodate Limestone Coast Councils, LGA SA and ALGA events.

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

CARRIED

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 LC LGA President's Report

LCLGA President's Report

LGA Annual General Meeting

The LGA AGM was held on Thursday 29th October at Woodville Town Hall and was preceded by the LGFA (Local Government Finance Authority of SA) AGM. The business of the meeting included the presentation of the LGA Annual Report, Financial Statements, SAROC and GAROC reports, LGASA Mutual and LGA Procurement Annual Reports and the Local Government Research and Development Scheme report. Motions through SAROC that were supported included Solid Waste Levy and Recycling Services and support for regional communities.

SAROC

Special SAROC meeting to decide Chair and LGA board members for next two years. I was elected as chair of SAROC and LGA board members from SAROC are myself (Naracoorte Lucindale – Limestone Coast), Sam Telfer (past president,



Tumby Bay – Eyre Peninsula), Clare McLaughlin (Whyalla – Spencer Gulf Cities), Keith Parkes (Alexandrina – Southern Hills), Peter Matthey (Goyder - Legatus)

Business support services - RDALC and LCLGA

The pandemic has certainly impacted some businesses and there are various support measures set up to assist. The RDALC (Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast) has been and continues to provide support for small businesses in the Limestone Coast region. The LCLGA (Limestone Coast Local Government Association) funding paid to the RDALC specifically to support the RDALC's Manager, Business and Workforce Development. Businesses in the tourism industry are able to receive support from the Limestone Coast LGA Destination Development Manager, Biddie Shearing. She has set up a specific Facebook page for information and resources for tourism businesses. Businesses seeking information re assistance are urged to contact these organisations

Other activities

- Zoom meetings with Limestone Coast mayors
- RDALC Board meeting at GTE Mt Gambier, RDA LC Human Resources Committee meeting, RDA Industry visit to Mondelez factory at Suttontown (Philadelphia Cheese manufacturer) RDALC AGM and General meeting
- LCLGA has partnered with SATC to develop a Destination Tourism & Marketing Plan for the Limestone Coast. This aims to be a holistic plan for industry, all tiers of government and other stakeholders to grow our visitor economy. This is a first for the region, and our last regional marketing plan was in 2010. LCLGA welcome feedback on the survey link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCTourismPlanFeedback> This is a major step for our region and once adopted will be our roadmap for the next 5 years as a region
- LGA Briefing with Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Anne Ruston and Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Simon Birmingham. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear an update directly from the Senators on federal matters affecting our sector.
- Meeting with MPs Nick McBride and Troy Bell and Mayor Richard Sage re border restriction issues
- Limestone Coast Economic Development Group meeting
- Regional LG EO's meeting at LGFA Office as SAROC Chair guest – sharing what regional LGs are doing and planning where we can all work together (assists the agenda for SAROC)
- Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy Advisory Group workshop
- Virtual launch to tourism industry of Limestone Coast Regional Tourism Development and Marketing Plan
- LC EO Performance Review Committee meeting (zoom)
- SAROC zoom meeting
- Local Government Research and Development Committee
- SA Drought Hub - Supporting resilient and innovative farming in SA: SAROC secretariat, Chair of regional EOs and I met with the SARDI - PIRSA - Adelaide Uni bid team and agreement was that there would be great value in (1) a letter of support via LGA – SAROC to the bid and (2) that each Regional LGA EO would be provided with a copy of the draft letter from Legatus Group as an example of our support. This would then be left up to each of the Regional LGAs as to deciding on a letter of support for the bid. (noting the short time frame and they are looking for response by



end of this week). It appears the bid team are looking at 5 NODES across Regional SA which would see 1 in each of the 5 Regional LGAs but not in Southern and Hills LGA. Discussed Eyre Peninsula, Pt Augusta, Orreroo, Loxton, Roseworthy and Struan. The node locations are not based on geographically location rather shared themes of pastoral, low, medium and high rainfall zones. For example, the high rainfall node at Struan will involve organisations/groups from the Lower EP, KI, Adelaide Hills etc. To date the bid team has 58 organisations including industry and growers' groups. A draft letter of support will be composed – this would be based on the interests of local government and its Members and the communities they represent and helping local government to engage with, and respond to, the needs of the community. This included Climate Change Sector Agreements and Regional Health Plans. The letter will also be based under the 4 pillars of the SAROC Strategic Plan:

- Theme 1: Economic Development SAROC recognises the important role councils have in creating the best conditions for local businesses to grow and thrive and the importance placed on the farming sector.
 - Theme 2: Community Development SAROC acknowledges the significant contribution regional councils make to community development through public health and community wellbeing activities, and the need for adequate levels of State Government services and funding to support healthy and resilient communities.
 - Theme 3: Natural and Built Environment SAROC recognises the importance of local government's role in the future planning and maintenance of South Australia's natural and built environment.
 - Theme 4: Financial Sustainability and Governance SAROC recognises the challenges regional councils face in attaining and maintaining financial sustainability and the direct impacts the drought has on the rate base for member councils.
- SA Local Government Grant Commission meeting (the commission makes recommendations to the Minister for Local Government on the distribution of untied Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to local governing authorities in SA. It is now also the Boundary Commission)
 - Country Arts SA board meeting

8.1.1 LGA Board

- (i) Draft Minutes and Key Outcomes Summary of the LGA Board of Directors Meeting held on 22 October 2020.

8.1.2 SAROC

- (ii) Draft Minutes of SAROC Special Meeting held on 29th October 2020

8.2 **Local Government Association of SA**

Mayor Vickery provided an update in 8.1 – Presidents report.

8.3 **Executive Officer**

Tony Wright

- Thanked members for allowing flexibility of work arrangements throughout 2020 due to COVID.
- Collection of waste data from western Victorian Councils has commenced and will assist in the progress of the regional MRF feasibility study.



- Roads database update work is progressing well
- CFS – Roadside vegetation management and hazard management.

8.4 Report from Destination Development Manager

Biddie Shearing

8.5 Report from Starclub & Regional Sporting Academy

Tony Elletson

8.6 Report from Leadership Program

Ali Auld

8.7 Report from LC Substance Misuse Project Officer

Sophie Bouchier

8.8 Report from LCLGA Program & Policy Coordinator

Michaela Bell

It is recommended that LC LGA:

“the reports for LC LGA President, Local Government Association SA, Executive Officer, Destination Development Manager, Starclub & Regional Sporting Academy, Limestone Coast Leadership Program, Substance Misuse Project Officer and Program & Policy Coordinator be received and noted.”

Moved, Kingston District Council **Seconded**, Tatiara District Council

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9.0 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 LC LGA Roads and Transport Group Minutes – 2 December 2020

9.2 LCLGA Tourism Management Group - 13 October 2020

It is recommended that LC LGA:

““The Minutes and reports from the LCLGA Sub-Committees having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

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

CARRIED

10.0 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

10.1 Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast

David Wheaton - Chief Executive Officer

10.2 LC Heritage Advisory Services



September & October 2020 reports

10.3 PIRSA

Peta Crewe

- State government is investing \$4.45 million to assist the urgent mobilisation of a seasonal and regional workforce in South Australia in response to the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic. The funding will help create a multi-pronged approach to fill vacancies and boost employment in key areas in regional South Australia over the next six to 12 months including this crucial time leading up to Christmas. The program will include incentives of up to \$2,000 for students moving to regions to take up regional jobs. Additional support will also be available for businesses bringing workers into South Australia as part of the Seasonal Worker Program and Pacific Labour Scheme to fill critical roles. Peta will be coordinating this project across the state working with the RDA's in all regions.
- Forestry - working with Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub and the harvest and haulage sector currently experiencing significant changes to blue gum harvesting and haulage requirements.
- A two-year \$1.1 million investment to upgrade fire surveillance and prevention across forestry assets in the South East of South Australia has been unveiled by the State Government. [More information here](#)

10.4 Uni SA

Ian McKay

- No enrolments to date for our new Bachelor of Secondary Education degree that I announced at the last LCLGA meeting but this is not surprising with only Mathematics offered as a Major. We are expecting additional options for 2022 and hopefully, this will bring a start to enrolments.
- Limestone Coast students will be able to study Diploma in Arts, Diploma in Business, Diploma in Construction, Diploma in Engineering, Diploma in Information Technology and Diploma in Science and the Environment (in addition to the current Diploma in Health) from Mount Gambier Campus from next year. Local students will enrol as external students but may choose to do any courses offered on-campus in a face to face mode. Each of these Diploma programs provides a guaranteed pathway to a range of Bachelor degrees including a number of online degrees, therefore increasing the regional options for students to study and remain in the Limestone Coast.
- Thank you for the welcome I am always shown by Mayors and CEOs to your meetings and when I visit your Council area. Your support for our local university is important, appreciated and not taken for granted.
- Best wishes to all present and your families for Christmas and 2021.

It is recommended that LC LGA;

“Receives and note the Reports.”

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council **Seconded**, District Council of Grant



11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- Ben Gower, CEO at Wattle Range Council has nominated for the LGA SA CEO Advisory Group and if successful will play an important perspective and advocacy role for regional councils.
- Darryl Whicker, CEO of District Council of Grant noted that most Council budget planning processes will be cut off from new budget considerations in February 2021. LCLGA to consider this in the planning the 2021-2022 draft budget.
- Nat Traeger, CEO Kingston District Council has been appointed to the LG Professionals board.
- Mayor Noll, Wattle Range Council raised that the Mobile Blackspot funding Round 5A is open and close on the 10 February 2021 [more information here](#)

12.0 MEETING CLOSED – 12.35pm

The next LC LGA General Meeting is to be held in the Tatiara District Council **Friday 12th February 2021**. Acceptances and apologies to Mae Steele, LC LGA Executive Assistant Phone 8723 7310 or Email admin@lclga.sa.gov.au

LC LGA CALENDAR

Date	Meeting	Location
18th February 2021	SAROC	LG House, Adelaide
12 th February 2021	LG LGA AGM & GM	Tatiara District Council

