

MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 13th AUGUST 2021 IN THE CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER, TOWN HALL, RIDDOCH ARTS AND CULTURE CENTRE, 1 BAY RD, MT GAMBIER FROM 10 am.

1.0 WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

The President opened the meeting at 10:04 am and welcomed members, guest speakers and the public.

The Mayor of the City of Mount Gambier, Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM), welcomed the LCLGA Board and did a presentation on the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre.

Mayor Martin updated the Board on the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre project. The infrastructure involves the redevelopment of the Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre and subsequent additions for a range of sporting and community activities.

The presentation showed photos of the progress of the project, and the future appearance of the Centre. Mayor Martin also commented on the extensive engagement between the City of Mount Gambier and the community throughout the project.

The meeting was suspended at 11:30 am to allow presentation by the CEO of ESCOSA, Mr Adam Wilson and Energy and Water Ombudsman, SA, Mr Sandro Canale.

Mr Wilson spoke about his role as Energy Commission Regulator, responsible for energy, water, ports, rail, and in the future, Council rates oversight. He spoke about the history of reviews of Community Waste Water Management Schemes (CWMS) and that customers of such schemes should have access to dispute resolution processes that all other energy and water customer are able to use in SA. Hence the requirement for local Councils who manage CWMS to join the SA Energy and Water Ombudsman Scheme.

Mr Canale spoke about the role of the Energy and Water Ombudsman in SA and how the organisation is a dispute resolution body to receive, facilitate and investigate complaints.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:10 pm.

1.1 Present

Mayors

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

CEOs and LCLGA

District Council of Grant	Mr Darryl Whicker (CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Mr Ben Gowan (CEO)
District Council of Robe	Mr James Holyman (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Ms Nat Traeger (CEO)
Tatiara District Council	Ms Anne Champness (CEO)
City of Mount Gambier	Ms Sarah Philpot (CEO)
Naracoorte-Lucindale Council	Mr Trevor Smart (CEO)
LCLGA	Mr Tony Wright (EO) Mr Paul Manfrin (Corporate Service Officer)

Guests

LGA SA	Mr Michael Arman (Director of Strategy) via zoom
UniSA	Mr Ian McKay
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe

1.2 Apologies & Absentees

Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP
Member for MacKillop	Mr Nick McBride MP
District Council of Grant	Cr Gill Clayfield
Regional Development AustraliaLimestone Coast	Mr Dave Wheaton

Moved: City of Mount Gambier **seconded:** Wattle Range Council

The apologies are accepted.

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.

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: District Council of Grant **seconded:** Kingston District Council

That the Minutes of LC LGA General Meeting held at the Kingston District Council, on the 11th of June 2021 are accepted.

Carried

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – ACTION SHEET

Moved: City of Mount Gambier **seconded:** Wattle Range Council

That Business arising from the Minutes of the June General Meeting is noted.

Carried

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Moved:Wattle Range Council **seconded:** Kingston District Council

That the LCLGA Board notes the correspondence register to 10th August 2021.

Carried

6.0 FINANCIAL

Moved: District Council of Robe seconded: Wattle Range Council

The LCLGA receive and note the finance reports:

- a. Report from the Executive Officer.
- b. The Draft Balance Sheet as of 30th June 2021.
- c. The Draft Consolidated Profit and Loss Budget Analysis for the period 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021.

Carried

7.0 RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

7.1 Joint Planning Board Discussion

The Board discussed the range of options, risks and opportunities associated with forming a Joint Planning Board for the Limestone Coast.

Moved: City of Mount Gambier **seconded:** Grant District Council

That the LCLGA:

- a. Reaffirm its position of in-principle support for a Joint Planning Board.
- b. Explore options for a hybrid and partnership approach to developing a regional plan, including available resources to support the development of a regional plan.

Carried



There was discussion on a request from the LGASA, on behalf of the State Government, for nominations a reference group to provide feedback to the State Government during the Regional Plan development process.

It was noted there was little information on this group, its purpose, or requirements.

There were three nominations to represent the region on the reference group.

- Mr Trevor Smart (CEO) Naracoorte-Lucindale Council
- Ms Sarah Philpot (CEO) City of Mount Gambier
- Mayor Richard Sage – District Council of Grant

The finalisation of nominations was held over until the EO received more information regarding the proposed reference group.

7.2 Regional MRF Transaction, Governance and Risk Review - Select Tender

Moved: District Council of Robe **seconded:** Wattle Range Council

The LCLGA approves the use of a select tender to engage a consultant to review the risks, governance, regulatory and market conditions to progress a cross border MRF. Process and tenderers to be approved by the CEO's.

Carried

7.3 LCLGA Annual Business Plan

Moved: City of Mount Gambier **seconded:** Kingston District Council

The LCLGA:

- a. Approve the 2021/2022 Business Plan.
- b. Note that the District Council of Robe approve Business Plan but requires a review of the allocation model used for Heritage Advisor Service before it commits to the increased allocation for the Destination Tourism Strategy.

Carried

7.4 Credit Card Authority

Moved: Kingston District Council **seconded:** District Council of Robe

The LCLGA approve the closure of the Administration Credit Card and the opening of a new card for the Corporate Services Officer with a limit of \$2,000, in accordance with the provisions of the LCLGA credit card policy.

Carried

7.5 Water Security Submission

Moved: District Council of Robe **seconded:** City of Mount Gambier

The LCLGA note the LCLGA submission to DEW on the State Water Security Statement.



Carried

7.6 Regional Waste Implementation Plan Review

Moved: District Council of Grant **seconded:** Wattle Range Council

Endorses the 2021-2024 Limestone Coast Regional Waste Committee Workplan.

Carried

7.7 Heritage Advisory Services Tender

Moved: District Council of Robe **seconded:** Kingston District Council

That the meeting move into confidence, due to commercial confidentiality of the tenders, to consider a commercial-in-confidence report circulated to the Board.

Carried

Moved: City of Mount Gambier **seconded:** District Council of Robe

That recommendation is approved, and the report is held in confidence until after the contract is awarded.

Carried

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 LC LGA President's Report

Events attended since the last LCLGA meeting in my capacity as LCLGA President, SAROC Chairman and LGA Director,

Weekly LCLGA Mayors zoom catch-ups

15th Jun SA LG Grants Commission visits to Southern Mallee, Karoonda East Murray, MidMurray and Murray Bridge City Councils

16th Jun SA LG Grants Commission meeting
SA LG Boundary Commission meeting

21st Jun Meeting in Canberra with Minister Housing Michael Sukkar

23rd Jun Country Arts SA Board meeting in Naracoorte
Country Arts SA community reception

24th Jun LGA Research and Development committee review by UPRS re Regional Capacity Building Grant

8th Jul LGA CEO Recruitment Committee meeting

29th Jun Limestone Coast Economic Development Group Meeting

13th Jul Dry Conditions Working Group meeting (Teams)
Naracoorte Town Centre Rejuvenation Plan Launch at Naracoorte Town Hall

4th Jul LGA CEO Recruitment Committee meeting – zoom

19th Jul SA Local Government Grants Commission meeting
SA Local Government Boundary Commission meeting



- 22nd Jul Country Arts SA Trust Governance and Finance Committee meeting via zoom
LGA CEO Recruitment Committee
Meeting COVID-19 SA/VIC cross-border community information session via zoom
- 23rd Jul LCLGA Mayors Catch-up zoom
- 29th Jul SAROC - The July meeting had a focus on collaboration with Regional Development South Australia (RDSA), as well as discussions on regional housing, waste, recycling, resource recovery and opportunities for a circular economy, water policy and little corellas.

The SAROC Communications Plan to improve awareness and engagement and strengthen our relationships across regional South Australia was also reviewed
LGA Board of Directors meeting
- 4th Aug Meeting with LCLGA executive officer RDA LC HR Committee meeting
- 6th Aug LC LG Mayor's catch-up
- 11th Aug LGA Board Special meeting – zoom
- 12th Aug LGA Joint Planning Board Information Session

SAROC Update

From a SAROC perspective, it is evident that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many of the long-term workforce challenges experienced in many parts of the State. Amid these challenges, it is encouraging to see increased momentum for collaboration among key stakeholders.

In May, on behalf of regional councils, I attended the first meeting of the State Government's Regional Development Strategy Steering Committee, which also featured representatives from RDA Boards and State agencies. The Steering Committee is developing a workplan and I look forward to providing further updates when this is finalised.

Regional housing – policy toolkit

In light of the urgent need to alleviate regional housing shortages, SAROC has commissioned the preparation of a policy toolkit, designed to include both policy options available to regional councils to increase the supply of residential accommodation and an advocacy agenda for SAROC to take to other levels of government.

SAROC understands that solutions to this complex policy problem will involve collaborative efforts across all three tiers of government, as well as the private sector, and is looking forward to sharing the toolkit with councils when it is completed.

SAROC also looks forward to the roundtable discussion on regional housing, to be hosted by RDSA in coming months. Details will be circulated shortly.

Circular economy and waste management

A key take-home message from SAROC's recent Regional Waste Pathways Forum was that improvements in regional waste services and resource recovery require improved collaboration between councils, State agencies (especially Green Industries SA), universities and key industry players.

To support regional councils with the transition towards a circular economy through improved collaboration, SAROC endorsed the development of updated waste model contract documents and advice on governance arrangements for jointly owned council subsidiaries/infrastructure.



National water policy

Given the important role played by the local government sector in water management and conservation, SAROC will lead the development of a national water policy advocacy position. We have asked LGA staff and Regional LGA executive officers to collaboratively prepare a discussion paper to support consultation with regional councils and we look forward to receiving your valuable insights as this work progresses.

Little Corellas

SAROC is supporting councils to take practical actions through a SAROC 'Little Corellas habitat interventions' program. Two research projects will be undertaken by the Municipal Council of Roxby Downs and the Rural City of Murray Bridge, which will be used to update the LGA's Local Government Little Corella Issues Paper – a source of information for councils about how to responsibly deal with this over-abundant species.

SAROC continues to advocate for a State Government commitment to fund the implementation of a statewide little corella strategy that includes financial assistance to local governments. We will also pursue opportunities to coordinate efforts with landscape boards, who have a role in education, capacity building, project work and informing the community.

SAROC's Annual Report

SAROC also endorsed its 2020-21 Annual Report, which will be presented to members at the LGA 2021 Best Practice Showcase, Conference and AGM.

I am proud of the work we have done together in the past 12 months to identify key opportunities to bolster regional economic development, provide support for 'shovel ready' council projects, support State Government actions to boost regional health workforces, increase awareness of best-practice waste and resource recovery practices, and influence the State's planning reforms.

Next meeting

Our next SAROC meeting will be held on 23 September 2021.

RDSA 2021 Annual Summit presentations

At the 29 July SAROC Committee meeting, guest presenter, Hon Rob Kerin (Chair, RDSA), committed to making available the video recordings of presentations made to the RDSA 2021 Annual Summit, held on 3 June 2021.

Video footage of the presentations (and PowerPoint slides) are now available on the [RDSA website](#).

Several engaging and highly relevant presentations were provided during the day, and include the following:

Overview of Workforce Challenges

Leonie Boothby (Director, Leonie Boothby & Associates)

Regional Housing

Anne Champness (CEO, District Council of

Tatiara) Matthew Adcock (Director, Oryx)

Dr Kim Houghton (Chief Economist, Regional Australia Institute)

Reid Hannington (Director, National Housing Finance Investment Corporation)



Workforce Training

Kelly-Anne Saffin (CEO, RDA Yorke and Mid-North)
Anne Moroney (CEO, RDA Barossa, Gawler Light,
Adelaide Plains) Shaun Harris (Senior Policy Officer, RDA
Murraylands & Riverland) Dr Pi-Shen Seet (Professor,
Edith Cowan University)

Staff Retention

Toni Vorenas (Owner, Metro Bakery & Café – Mount
Gambier) David Wheaton (CEO, RDA Limestone
Coast)

8.2 **Local Government Association of SA**

Michael Arman provided an update from the LGA SA. Key points:

- Local Government Reforms – details sent to councils
- Reforms relating to elections commencing November 2021
- Other reforms to be implemented in 2022 and beyond
- Behaviour Management Framework
- Finalising State Election campaign – Election scheduled March 2022
- Replacement of CEO – process currently underway

8.3 **Executive Officer Report**

Tony Wright

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

Moved: Tatiara District Council **seconded:** Robe District Council

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 Project Manager are received and noted.

Carried

9.0 **LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

9.1 Limestone Coast Economic Development Group Minutes – 29th June 2021



- 9.2 Limestone Coast Red Meat Cluster – 23rd July 2021
9.3 LCLGA Tourism Management Group – 5th July 2021

10.0 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

- 10.1 LC Heritage Advisory Services Annual Report
10.2 RDALC May - June Report
10.3 RDALC Pipeline Summary Report April-June

Moved: District Council of Robe **seconded:** Tatiara District

Council Receives and note the Reports.

Carried

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 City of Mount Gambier

Proposed Item of Business to be presented to SAROC for consideration at the next LGASAO ordinary meeting - regional Homelessness (and Housing Affordability).

Moved City of Mount Gambier **seconded** Wattle Range Council

Support the City of Mount Gambier on regional homelessness to SAROC.

Carried

11.2 LGA Functional Support Group

Moved: District Council of Grant **seconded:** Kingston District Council

The LCLGA request that the LGA Board:

1. Clearly defines the Functional Support Group's role, responsibilities and activation triggers when providing statewide coordination support to individual control agencies and member Councils.
2. Investigates how the LGA can better assist Councils in emergency recovery activities instead of focussing all of its attention on emergency response, as this is the area of support that is most greatly needed.
3. Provide a detailed report to members on the sources and expenditures incurred by the LGA/LGFSG to ensure transparency and accountability.
4. Share its Functional Support Group plan with member Councils, commits to a formal review of the plan and consult with members on their needs from the LGFS in emergencies.

Carried

11.3 PIRSA

PIRSA Report, Peta Crewe, Regional Coordinator Limestone Coast

- Recreational Camping & Fishing Facilities Grant Program – as announced in Federal Budget, will be managed by State Government, and expect to open soon
- Digital Connectivity & Mobile Blackspots – there is a lot of activity in this space at present (national & state level) so please be on top of your priority areas/ locations as I may need to call on you at short notice.



- Regional Work SA Project – PIRSA has secured further 12 months funding for all eight RDAs in SA to continue to assist job seekers wishing to relocate to the regions, regional employers with positions to fill, and to work with all levels of government to identify and address longer-term solutions for regional workforce issues.

12.0 MEETING CLOSED 1.15 pm

The next LC LGA General Meeting is to be held on Friday 8th October 2021 at Wattle Range Council. Acceptances and apologies to admin@lclga.sa.gov.au or Phone 8723 7310.



Date	Meeting	Location
8 th October 2021	LC LGA	Wattle Range Council
29 th October 2021	LGA Conference & AGM	TBC
18 th November 2021	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
10 th December 2021	LC LGA GM & Christmas Lunch	District Council of Robe
TBC February 2022	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
11 th February 2022	LG LGA AGM & GM	District Council of Grant

