

MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, HELD ON FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER 2021 IN THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE, TAROOKI CONFERENCE CENTRE, ROBE FROM 10 am.

1. WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

The President opened the meeting at 10:11 am and welcomed members, guest and the public. Special welcome was made to Mr. Ian Hamilton - Director of Arcuate Architecture, Deputy Mayor Jeff Arthur - Coorong District Council, Ian McKay – UniSA Representative and Michael Arman – LGA SA Representative.

Mr. Troy Bell MP arrived at 10:45am

Mayor Alison Nunan welcomed the LCLGA Board and guests to District Council of Robe. In the spirit of Christmas, Mayor Nunan sang 10 Days of Christmas, highlighting the ups and downs of 2021.

Guest Speaker Mr. Ian Hamilton spoke about his background, the work he has done in Scotland, England and Australia. He also reflected on his work with the LCLGA for the past 4 months as the Heritage Advisory Service.

1.1 Present

Mayors

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

CEOs and LCLGA

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



Guests

Arcuate Architecture	Mr. Ian Hamilton - Director
LGA SA	Mr. Michael Arman
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP
Coorong District Council	Deputy Mayor Jeff Arthur
UniSA	Mr. Ian McKay

1.2 Apologies & Absentees

Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for MacKillop	Mr Nick McBride MP
PIRSA	Ms. Peta Crewe
RDALC	Mr David Wheaton

Note that the apologies be accepted.

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

CARRIED

2. 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Confirmation of the Minutes of the LCLGA General Meeting held in the Wattle Range Council on the 15th October 2021.

That the LCLGA Board accept the Minutes of LCLGA General Meeting held at the Wattle Range Council on 15th October 2021.

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

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – ACTION SHEET

That the LCLGA Board note the business arising from the October General Meeting.

Note that the LCLGA has not met with the Planning Commissioner and Minister yet due to leadership changes in both areas.

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

CARRIED



5. CORRESPONDENCE

Many of these correspondence items will have been received directly by member councils. Should any delegates wish to access any correspondence items listed, but not included in this Agenda, they can be made available by contacting the LCLGA Executive Officer.

That correspondence be received and noted by the LCLGA Delegates.

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

CARRIED

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Executive Officer spoke to the paper on the current LCLGA's financial position.

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board receive and note the Report from the Executive Officer,

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

CARRIED

7. RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

7.1 Dates and locations for future LCLGA Ordinary Meetings

The Executive Officer spoke to the paper on the update on future dates and locations for LCLGA General Meetings.

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Note the report.
2. Accept the future dates and locations for future LCLGA General Meetings.

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

CARRIED

*** 10:45 am – Meeting temporarily halted. ***

Mr. Troy Bell MP - Member for Mount Gambier joined the meeting at 10:45 am and was asked to share his thoughts. Some of the key issues spoken were:

- The pressures experienced by businesses in the Limestone Coast in relation to Covid-19 and the continuing cancellations of bookings for tourism services.
- The South Australian State Election and possible outcomes.
- The power of an Independent in a marginal or hung Parliament.

*** 11:05 am – Meeting resumed. ***



7.2 Business Plan Assumptions and Process

The Executive Officer spoke to the paper on the Business Plan assumptions and the LCLGA Board provided feedback on the process and assumptions.

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Approve the Business Plan assumptions with the following feedback.
 - a. Question was asked by Mr. Smart why the LCLGA links staff outcomes to Council EBA's. The Executive Officer explained that the LCLGA indexes its salaries based on Council EBAs as we are a wholly owned subsidiary of the Councils.
 - b. Mayor Noll asked about SMLC transferring to its own identity after contract expires in November 2022. Discussions are currently being held between LCLGA and SMLC Board on the timing of the transfer of funding deeds and contracts.
 - c. Mr. Hollyman proposed to note that 2022 is an election year with the possibility of new delegates joining and councils being in caretaker mode.

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

CARRIED

7.3 Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy - LCRSA

The Executive Officer spoke to the paper on the proposed future direction for the Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy.

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Receive and note the report.

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

CARRIED

7.4 Regional Planning Committee

The Executive Officer spoke to the paper on the formation of a Regional Planning Committee.

The LCLGA Board approve Sarah Philpott and Trevor Smart as the Limestone Coast local Government nominations to Local Government Regional Planning Committee, Sarah Philpott and Trevor Smart.

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

CARRIED



7.5 Limestone Coast Road Renewal Working Group

The Executive Officer spoke to the paper on the proposed Terms of Reference for the Limestone Coast Road Renewal Working Group.

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Provide feedback to the Executive Officer on the proposed Terms of Reference.

The following feedback was given:

- Seek clarification on the governance of the group.
- Provide linkage to local road planning.
- Become a vehicle for engagement with Green Triangle Freight Action Plan.
- Note that the appointment of the officer to the group is a technical position.

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

CARRIED

7.6 Local Functional Support Group – LGASA Board Response

The Executive Officer spoke to the paper on the LGASA Board response to concerns raised by the LCLGA with them on the operations and function of the LGFSG.

The LCLGA Board

1. Received and noted the report.
2. Noted the review of the LGFSG, and
3. Asked the LCLGA to seek further information on this review.

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

CARRIED

7.7 Advocacy Agenda

The Executive Officer provided a verbal update on the Advocacy Agenda which will be used at the February 2022 LCLGA Board Strategic Planning Workshop prior to the Annual General Meeting.

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Receive and note the Advocacy Agenda.
2. Approve the Advocacy Agenda, with the following amendment:
 - Lack of funding for bridges over drainage infrastructure be amended to Water Management, Security and Assets.

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

CARRIED



8. REPORTS

8.1 LC LGA President's Report

Mayor Erika Vikery OAM provided a verbal update.

Report attached at end of Minutes.

8.2 Local Government Association of SA

Mr. Michael Arman provided a verbal update from the LGA SA.

Key points:

- LGA SA strongly encourage staff to undergo full COVID-19 vaccination.
- Visitors to LGA House be fully vaccinated.
- Any business needing to be in the April Agenda for the LGA SA Ordinary General Meeting need to be in by 4th February 2022.
- South Australian State Election ramping up activity within the LGA SA.

8.3 Executive Officer

Report from Mr. Tony Wright

8.4 Destination Development Manager

Report from Ms. Biddie Shearing

1. Heidi Elderidge to begin work with the Destination Development Project in February 2022.

8.5 Starclub & Regional Sporting Academy

Report from Mr. Tony Elletson

8.6 Leadership Program

Report from Ms. Ali Auld

8.7 LC Substance Misuse Project Officer

Report from Ms. Sophie Bouchier

8.8 LCLGA Program & Policy Co-ordinator

Report from Ms. Michaela Bell

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board receive and note the Reports for LCLGA President, Local Government Association SA, Executive Officer, Destination Development Manager, Starclub & Regional Sporting Academy, Limestone Coast Leadership Program, Substance Misuse Project Officer and Program and Policy Co-ordinator.

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

CARRIED



9. LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 LCLGA Waste Management

26th October 2021 Minutes

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

CARRIED

10. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

10.1 RDALC

Report from Mr. David Wheaton CEO

10.2 LC Heritage Advisory Service

Report from Arcuate Architecture

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board receive and note the Reports from the RDALC and LC Heritage Advisory Board.

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

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Mr. Ian McKay - UniSA

Mr. McKay provided a verbal update on events at UniSA.

Key Points:

- 14 \$15,000 scholarships available to students, however timing not lining up with Year 12 completions.
- 2022 STEM Girls Academy supported by 12 schools in region. Girls from Year 9 eligible.
- Short course in Python Programming available at UniSA
- Offering VET for year 12 students at UniSA
- Final public lecture completed recently on Forestry Industry. Eighty people attended.

11.2 Electric Vehicle Investment in Limestone Coast Region

Mayor Sage put forward suggestion of LCLGA investigating and advocating for electric vehicle infrastructure in the Limestone Coast. Chief Executive Officer Gowan shared with the Board what the Wattle Range Council will be doing in the near future with council vehicles and the proposal for commercial charging stations.

11.3 Enquiry about Rubble Royalties

Mayor Sage enquired about LGAs discussions on Rubble Royalties in the region. Mayor Vikery said she was writing to SafeWork SA seeking clarification so that Council rubble raising activities not considered as mining.



12. CALENDAR KEY DATES

TBC February 2022 SAROC Board of Director's Meeting, LGA House, Adelaide
10th February 2022 LCLGA Strategic Planning Workshop, District Council of Grant
11th February 2022 LCLGA AGM and GM, District Council of Grant

It was noted the next meeting also included the AGM and Business Planning Workshop

13. MEETING CLOSED 12.25 pm

The next LCLGA Annual Meeting and General Meeting is to be held on Friday 11th February 2021 at District Council of Grant. Acceptances and apologies to admin@lclga.sa.gov.au or Phone 87237310.



LCLGA President's Report - December 2021

I thank all the board members and staff for their support this year and wish everyone a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable Christmas break.

Activities and meetings attended since LCLGA meeting in October:

As SAROC Chairman I participated in the:

Tuesday 19 th October	<u>Agricultural Town judging</u> at Booleroo Centre
Wednesday 20 th October	<u>Agricultural Town judging</u> at Orroroo
Monday 25 th October	<u>Agricultural Town judging</u> at Kimba
Friday 19 th November	<u>SA Regional Showcase</u> and Agricultural Town of the Year Ceremony at the Adelaide Hill Convention Centre – Ag Town of the Year 2021 was awarded to Kimba
25 th November	<u>Regional Development Strategy Steering Committee</u> - Skydeck - 147 Pirie Street, Adelaide – chaired by Michelle Edge the Chief Executive Department of Primary Industries and Regions. Attended this meeting with David Wheaton and advocated for the funding of a Leadership program for regional SA
1 st December	SA Boundary Commission meeting – Teams LG Research and Development Advisory Committee pre meeting – Teams LGA Mayors and CEOs Covid-19 briefing with SA Health and SAPOL – zoom LGA Stats are available here: https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/covid-19-vaccination-geographic-vaccination-rates-lga
3 rd December	LGR&DS Advisory Committee
17 th November	<u>Mt Gambier hosted the November SAROC meeting</u> – guest speakers were from State Planning Commission including Craig Holden (Chair), Sally Smith (Executive Director Planning and Land Use Services) and Mike Burdett (Surveyor General at DIT) - agenda included updates from regional LGAs, SA Planning Reform, Fair Rating of electricity generators, borrow pits Code of Practice, regional local roads mapping and priorities project (lead by Legatus)

SAROC Committee November Meeting Update

I would wholeheartedly like to thank Mayor Lynette Martin, all elected members and staff for their warm hospitality. Thank you also to all Limestone Coast LGA member councils for hosting our visit and sharing valuable examples of the excellent work being done across their region.

SAROC seeks to be a strong, united voice for regional councils. Our visit to Mount Gambier strengthened our appreciation that by working together we can drive the prosperity, sustainability and wellbeing of South Australia's regional communities.

In this spirit of collaboration, I encourage you explore the updates from the Regional LGAs as the breadth of work being undertaken by the local government family across regional South Australia is quite impressive.



Regional planning

SAROC welcomed the new State Planning Commissioner, Mr Craig Holden, Sally Smith, Executive Director AGD/PLUS and Michael Burdett, Surveyor General.

I advised the Commission Chair that I understood that no regions were considering establishing a Joint Planning Boards to undertake the preparation of regional plans due to the complex nature of the structures proposed.

The Commission Chair and Sally Smith discussed the Commission's willingness to work collaboratively with councils to prepare the regional plans as the Commission recognized that these Plans would be an invaluable tool in assisting councils and regions identify issues of strategic importance that would support growth and economic development.

The Commission also recognized the opportunity to identify and develop different 'scenarios' which could be used to identify growth and economic opportunities.

Following the discussion on the regional plans, Michael Burdett discussed the Accredited Professionals Program, members identified issues relating to the retention of professional staff, the difficulty of finding staff with the correct accreditation levels to undertake both planning and building matters, in particular meeting the Commissions Building Inspection requirements, and the ability of getting some staff accredited.

Hoarding and Squalor

Thank you to the Southern & Hills LGA member councils for raising an item of business regarding council activities that respond to instances of hoarding and squalor.

SAROC discussed the need for approaches that reflect the sensitivities of mental health while balancing the responsibilities for community health and wellbeing.

The LGA President will write to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing seeking urgent action and leadership at the state agency level to provide ongoing operational support to local government including on the ground resources (funding, services and skilled people) to ensure an effective response to hoarding and squalor in South Australia.

It is recognised that regional and metropolitan councils invest significantly in addressing individual examples of severe domestic squalor

Fair rating of electricity generators

SAROC discussed the inequity on ratepayers caused by the discount that they are required to give on council rates in respect of land occupied by electricity generators. This mandatory discount shifts burden to other ratepayers to fund council services and facilities.

SAROC agreed to continue its advocacy for South Australian regulations to mirror those across the border in Victoria, so when land is used for the generation of renewable energy ratepayers can elect to pay council rates based on the capital value of the land in the same manner as other businesses in the council area.



Borrow pits

SAROC will continue to advocate that appropriate consideration be given for how council borrow pit activities are considered within the Mining Act and relevant regulations.

The current requirement for an appointment of a mine manager within this framework is an ongoing concern and has significant resourcing implications for the sector.

The LGA has recommended that the rubble raising activity by local government be explicitly excluded from the mine manager requirements, which could be achieved by a renewed SafeWork SA interpretation of the mining regulations on council managed rubble raising borrow pits.

On behalf of regional councils, I will write to SafeWork SA seeking discussions for them to reconsider their interpretation that council rubble raising activities (borrow pits) are considered as mining activities.

Regional Local Roads – Mapping and Priorities

Finally, thank you to the Legatus Group and your member councils for offering to lead a project to develop a state-wide, regional mapping activity and priority report based on existing local road plans.

SAROC has commissioned this work to facilitate coordination between Regional LGAs that enables a cross regional approach to support funding applications to the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, the Building Better Regions Fund, the Regional Black Spot Fund and specific infrastructure approaches to State and Federal governments.

A tour of Wulanda construction site was offered to SAROC and LGA Board members and all were extremely impressed with the project. A combined SAROC, LGA Board and secretariat, LGLCA Mayors and CEOs dinner was hosted by LCLGA and City of Mt Gambier at Thyme on the Lakes.

18 th November	LGA Board of Directors meeting at Mt Gambier Uni SA Campus – the large agenda included LGA value of membership report for 2020-21, Council Ready Final Report and Independent Review of Regional Capacity Building Program
21 st October	<u>Country Arts SA Trust Board</u> meeting at Port Lincoln <u>2022 Australian of the Year Awards Presentation</u> evening for South Australia, Adelaide Convention Centre
23 rd October	<u>Generations in Jazz Strategic Plan</u> and Benefactor Opportunities Launch in Mt Gambier by Premier Stephen Marshall. I had the opportunity to have a conversation with the Premier about Naracoorte Lucindale Council.
27 th October	The Leader of the Opposition invited regional Mayors to meet at the Balcony Room, Parliament House for a light lunch and discussion. As regional Mayors we were able to highlight the challenges that are affecting regional SA. These included the shortage of housing and labour force; health services; road conditions and funding for investment in regional areas.
28 th October	LGASA Conference and dinner at the Entertainment Centre
29 th October	LGASA Conference and AGM and LGFA AGM
1 st November	SA Local Government Grants Commission visit to Ceduna, Streaky Bay and Wudinna Councils
2 nd November	SA Local Government Grants Commission visit to Kimba, Franklin Harbour (Cowell) and Whyalla councils
3 rd November	SA Local Government Grants Commission visit to Port Augusta council
4 th November	KESAB breakfast debate
5 th November	St Martin's Lutheran College official opening of Stage 2 building - new Food



and Hospitality and Visual and Creative Arts facilities
Limestone Coast State Road Network

12th November

In response to collective concerns raised by LCLGA Councils (including Naracoorte Lucindale Council) regarding state road conditions and maintenance approach, Nick McBride MP coordinated a meeting with all LC Councils, the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure the Hon Corey Wingard MP, Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Chief Executive, Mr Tony Braxton-Smith and DIT Executive Director, Mr Jon Whelan., and DIT contractor Fulton Hogan. DIT and Fulton Hogan outlined their approach and methodology with their new contract now being in place for approximately 12 months, and some of their challenges from their asset management systems and road information perspective. As with our own road network, their focus is on improved road renewal rather than ongoing maintenance. DIT were encouraged to work with LCLGA and LC Councils in improved planning and coordination of State & Council works and priorities. Additionally, Councils sought a greater commitment from the State Government (Minister & DIT) as to involvement and driving outcomes through the Green Triangle Freight Action Plan (GTFAP) – which should enable leveraging of federal road funding for State road upgrades. The Victorian state government and Glenelg Shire have achieved significant outcomes for Victorian state roads through their efforts across the implementation of the GTFAP. A positive informal update was also received on the TEYS/QUBE road and intersection upgrade project – and this project now appears to be close to progressing. This project component was part of the approximate \$8M Federal & State Government funding announcements for upgrades of the two roundabouts (Riddoch Hwy & Smith St)

- 25th November Regional Development Strategy Steering Committee - Skydeck - 147 Pirie Street, Adelaide – chaired by Michelle Edge the Chief Executive | Department of Primary Industries and Regions
- 29th November Limestone Coast Local Health Network AGM Dress Circle – The Riddoch Arts& Cultural Centre
- 1st December SA Boundary Commission meeting – Teams
LG Research and Development Advisory Committee pre meeting – Teams
LGA Mayors and CEOs Covid-19 briefing with SA Health and SAPOL – zoom
LGA Stats are available here:
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/covid-19-vaccination-geographic-vaccination-rates-lga>
- 3rd December LGR&DS Advisory Committee
- 8th December SAROC meeting
- 8th December LCLGA Executive Officer Remuneration committee meeting
- 9th December Country Arts SA board meeting – Adelaide

