



The Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) is a regional subsidiary established by the seven Constituent Councils in the Limestone Coast region of South Australia; City of Mount Gambier, District Council of Grant, Kingston District Council, Naracoorte Lucindale Council, District Council of Robe, Tatiara District Council & Wattle Range Council.

MEETING & WORKSHOP SUMMARY
LCLGA Workshop 10th February, and the AGM and General Meeting, 11th February
2022 hosted by District Council of Grant

WORKSHOP

1. The Board participated in a workshop to test the suitability of the current strategic plan, explore the new opportunities, and identify the priorities for 2022/23.
2. The priorities for 2022/23 are:
 - 2.1 Regional Waste Management, including progressing a possible regional Material Recycling Facility (MRF).
 - 2.2 Roads planning and grants, including activating the new Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DiT) / Limestone Coast Roads Working Group and State Government engagement with the Green Triangle Freight Action Plan.
 - 2.3 Activating our advocacy agenda, as per the LCLGA Advocacy Priorities approved by the Board in December.
 - 2.4 Destination Development Strategy
 - 2.5 StarClub and Sports Academy
 - 2.6 Improved communication from the LCLGA was also discussed to support our Board members in their engagement with elected members on LCLGA activities.

AGM

1. It was noted that the Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements, meetings for 2022 had previously been approved.
2. The appointment of Dean Newberry as the external auditor for the LCLGA was confirmed.
3. Mayor Erika Vickery OAM was elected as President, and Mayor Lynette Martin OAM was elected as Vice President
4. The membership of the Board, committees and external organisations was acknowledged.

GENERAL MEETING

1. There were two guest speakers:
 - 1.1 Dr Glenn Harrington, a Hydrologist, presented a study that was commencing into groundwater aquifer storage and recharge and the recharge opportunities from slowing water flows in the lower SE surface catchments.
 - 1.2 Mr Steve Bourne and staff, who presented on an opportunity for shared resources across multiple agencies to manage roadside vegetation.
2. The Hon Nick McBride MP addressed the meeting on various issues.
3. The Board considered the following at the meeting:
 - 3.1 Delegated the Executive Officer authority to negotiate the transfer of contracts from the LCLGA to the new Substance Misuse Limestone Coast (SMLC) organisation.
 - 3.2 The review of the LCLGA Charter and the opportunity to provide feedback.

- 3.3 Approved the LCLGA to support our members in their work with the National Farmers Federation (NFF) on opportunities from their regionalisation agenda.
- 3.4 Nominated the Executive Officer as a representative from the Limestone Coast Councils to the Limestone Coast Local Health Network engagement strategy oversight
4. The President provided an update of her activities, which included attending the SAROC Housing Policy Tool Kit progress meeting, the opening of the Kingston Life Time of Friendship Mosaic, LGASA Board meeting, meeting the Minister for Police, Emergency and Correctional and MP Nick McBride, Minister Tarzia also visited the Coles Fire. The President also met with SMLC Chair and Treasurer, attended the Grant and Boundary Commission meeting and the Regional Executive Officers meeting.
5. Stephen Smith from the LGASA provided a presentation on the LGASA Local Voices advocacy. The progress and challenges of planning qualification accreditation was discussed, particularly the difficulty in recognizing prior learnings.
6. Reports were received from the Executive Officer, Destination Development Manager, Star Club Field Officer, Substance Misuse Project Officer and Programs Coordinator. Key highlights included:
- 6.1 Noting the completion of the Advocacy Agenda and commencing engagement with key stakeholders.
 - 6.2 Transition of the SMLC Project to a new organisation
 - 6.3 Changes to the StarClub program means it will need to be reshaped in 2022/23
 - 6.4 Noting there is currently over 24,000 job vacancies in accommodation and hospitality.
 - 6.5 Our social media online community has grown to 11,000 engaging with 380,000 posts, with post resharing there is potentially 5.8m people engaging with Limestone Coast tourism related posts.
 - 6.6 The Limestone Coast Visitor Guide has been released by the SATC and 50,000 copies distributed to VIC across the region.
 - 6.7 Regional event grant funds currently opened and closing in April, a further \$10m has been available by PIRSA for Opening our Great Outdoors program this is open all year round for applications until funds are exhausted.
 - 6.8 The Limestone Coast attracted \$1.3M out of a total \$5.6m, this remarkable success highlights the support and value from the StarClub Field Program, all grants above \$50k were part of the program. The LC has the highest participation rating in the StarClub program of any region in SA and we regularly attract the highest per capita funding in SA.
 - 6.9 Four Sports Academy participants won medals in the u17 State Cycling Championships and two were selected in the State Team.
 - 6.10 The Sports Academy had to adapt its strengthening program with changes from Covid-19 requirements.
 - 6.11 In November the SMLC ran a summit in Mount Gambier to highlight gaps in drug and alcohol services from both the consumer and provider perspectives.
 - 6.12 Special Local Roads Planning is progressing to finalise our submissions for regional funding.
7. RDALC provided a verbal update to compliment their written report in the agenda. Of note was the positive progress gaining support for RDA's to deliver Regional Leadership programs.

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