

**MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, HELD ON FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022 IN THE NARACOORTE-LUCINDALE COUNCIL, GATHER ON GORDON, NARACOORTE FROM 10 am.**

Meeting opened at 10:05 am

President Vickery welcomed everyone to the LCLGA General Meeting and did an acknowledgement to country. Mayor Vickery spoke about the recent opening of the new Naracoorte Library and its positive impact on the community. She spoke also about the way in which businesses have bounced back from Covid-19, with fewer unoccupied commercial buildings in Naracoorte., however, some banks have closed their branches. There is still progress being made on Naracoorte Livestock and Sports Centre, along with private investment in industry and engineering.

Regional Development Association Limestone Coast (RDALC) Chair Evan Flint and CEO David Wheaton were invited to the board meeting to discuss the RDALC's role and its continuing association with the LCLGA.

A workshop was conducted after the Board Meeting with Ms. Katherine Bartolo from the South Australian Valuer-General Department. Ms Bartolo spoke to Board Members on the role of the Valuer-General and how it works with councils.

## **1.0 WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

### **1.1 Present**

#### **Mayors**

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

#### **CEOs and LCLGA**

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

#### **Guests**

UniSA	Mr Ian McKay
RDALC	Mr. Evan Flint (Chairperson) Mr. David Wheaton (CEO)
Coorong Council	Deputy Mayor Jeff Arthur

## 1.2 Apologies & Absentees

Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for MacKillop	Mr Nick McBride MP
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage
District Council of Grant	Mr Darryl Whicker (CEO)
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe
LGA	Mr Michael Arman

Note that the apologies be accepted.

**Moved:** City of Mount Gambier

**Seconded:** Wattle Range 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.

No conflicts were disclosed

## 3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Confirmation of the Minutes of the LCLGA General Meeting held in the Tatiara District Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

The LCLGA Board accepts the Minutes of LCLGA General Meeting held at the Tatiara District Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

**Moved:** City of Mount Gambier

**Seconded:** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

## 4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – ACTION SHEET

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

1. Note the appointment of an independent Risk and Audit Representative is still progressing.

**Moved:** District Council of Robe

**Seconded:** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

## 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

### Inwards and Outwards

Correspondence register to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

That correspondence is received and noted by LCLGA delegates.

*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 LCLGA Executive Officer.*

Mayor Des Noll requested if the Executive Officer could make two items of correspondence available. They were:

1. Yallum Park application for conservation work - Letter of Support
2. Crayfish Festival – Letter of Support

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded:** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

## 6.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Executive Officer provided a verbal update on the current LCLGA's financial position. As forecast in the Business Plan and approved budget we are expected to record a loss at end of the financial year but not as large as previously expected due to delayed spending in Waste Program.

It was recommended that the LCLGA Board receive and note the Report from the Executive Officer, the Draft Balance Sheet as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 and the Draft Consolidated Profit and Loss Budget for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded:** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

## 7.0 RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

### 7.1 RDALC Funding Proposal and Joint Board Meeting

It is recommended that the LCLGA

1. Defer a decision to approve the funding of \$96,266 to the RDALC after the Joint Board Meeting in July to allow for further clarification of the allocation of the Council funds to the RDALC and the required expenditure to reinvigorate the Regional Growth Strategy.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded:** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

### 7.2 Regional Plan Update

Ms. Philpott and Mr. Smart updated the LCLGA Board on the progress made with the Regional Plan.

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Note the progress of the Regional Plan.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded:** Kingston District Council

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Business Plan**

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Approve the 2022/23 LCLGA Business Plan.

**Moved:** District Council of Robe

**Seconded:** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

### **7.4 Qualified independent person for CEO Performance Review**

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Appoint McArthur for three years to provide independent advice on the Executive Officer's performance to the LCLGA Board.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded:** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

### **7.5 LCLGA Charter Review**

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Note the proposed update on the LCLGA Charter.
2. Provide further updates to the Executive Officer in the next week.

**Moved:** City of Mount Gambier

**Seconded:** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

### **7.6 Incubation Projects**

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Approve the Executive Officer to develop a process for the sourcing and management of incubation projects.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded:** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

### **7.7 RAI Regionalisation – Rebalancing the nation**

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Approve the Executive Officer to work with the LCLGA Councils to develop and make a submission to the RAI Rebuilding the Nation consultation paper.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded:** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

## **7.8 Special Local Roads**

It was recommended that the LCLGA Board

1. Note the submission.

**Moved:** Tatiara District Council

**Seconded:** Kingston District Council

**CARRIED**

## **7.9 Confidential Item – LCLGA CEO Performance Review**

It was recommended that the LCLGA Board:

1. That pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Board orders that the public and staff be excluded from the meeting, and all recording devices turned off, to enable discussion on the report titled LCLGA CEO Performance Review.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council

**Seconded:** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

The CEO was provided feedback on his performance and the recommendations of the report were approved.

## **8.0 REPORTS**

### **8.1 LCLGA President's Report**

Mayor Erika Vickery OAM – Report attached to minutes.

### **8.2 Local Government Association of SA**

### **8.3 Executive Officer**

### **8.4 Destination Development Manager**

### **8.5 Starclub & Regional Sporting Academy**

### **8.6 Substance Misuse Limestone Coast Project Officer**

Noting the documents have been sent to the Federal Government to transfer from LCLGA to SMLC. Still waiting for a response.

## **8.7 LCLGA Program & Policy Co-ordinator**

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

**Moved:** District Council of Robe

**Seconded:** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

## **9.0 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **9.1 Roads and Transport Management Group**

Minutes of meeting held on 8 February 2022.

### **9.2 Risk & Audit Committee Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2022 and 15 February 2022.

It was recommended the LCLGA sub-committee minutes are noted.

**Moved:** District Council of Robe

**Seconded:** Kingston District Council

**CARRIED**

## **10. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

### **10.1 RDALC**

Report from the RDALC CEO, Mr. David Wheaton, was tabled at the meeting.

### **10.2 LC Heritage Advisory Service**

Report from Mr Ian Hamilton.

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

**Moved:** City of Mount Gambier

**Seconded:** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Nil**

## 12. CALENDAR KEY DATES & NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Location
10 February 2022	LCLGA Strategic Plan Meeting & Dinner	District Council of Grant
11 February 2022	LCLGA AGM & GM	District Council of Grant
28 February 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
17 March 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
1 April 2022	LCLGA GM	Tatiara District Council
8 April 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
19 May 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
17 June 2022	LCLGA GM	Naracoorte-Lucindale Council
21 July 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
12 August 2022	LCLGA GM	Kingston District Council
15 September 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
14 October 2022	LCLGA GM	City of Mount Gambier
28 October 2022	LGA AGM	LGA House, Adelaide
17 November 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
9 December 2022	LCLGA GM & Christmas Lunch	Wattle Range Council
9 February 2023	LCLGA Strategic Plan Meeting & Dinner	District Council of Robe
10 February 2023	LCLGA AGM & GM	District Council of Robe

## 13. MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closure at 12:21 pm.

**The next LCLGA General Meeting is to be held at Kingston District Council on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Acceptances and apologies to [admin@lclga.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@lclga.sa.gov.au) or Phone 8723 7310.**

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President's Signature

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Date

## LCLGA President's Report for June 17th 2022

The past two months have given me many opportunities to advocate for the Limestone Coast region and regional areas generally. These include the events where I have represented the regions in my role as SAROC Chairman

**Primary Industries and Regions Forum 2022** held in Adelaide. This was an inaugural industry and regional development forum – *Resetting the Future Together*. With over 100 people attending in person and a further 70 connecting-in online, the forum provided a great opportunity for us to reconnect and build a common understanding of our individual and potentially broader shared priorities



PIR Forum  
Summary.pdf

**Open Space Funding Model Workshop** at MasterPlan, 33 Carrington Street, Adelaide.

The purpose of the review was to identify whether there are other approaches that could be applied for the distribution of the funds that is supported by evidenced-based research.

It is acknowledged that open space plays a key role in people's physical and mental health well-being by providing informal and formal settings for people to participate in sporting activities or for relaxation and recreational purposes.

The quality, quantity and distribution of open space has implications on facility requirements, open space, social infrastructure and economic considerations. It is also recognised that there is a need for different forms of open space for use in local, regional, and State purposes.

The purpose of the roundtable discussion was to share the findings of a survey and to draw on experiences in the field to provide further advice and information to support the preparation of a final report.

**ALGA post-election meeting.** Summary of success of ALGA pre-election advocacy

### **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program**

Strong advocacy from ALGA, state and territory local government associations and councils around the nation has delivered an additional \$750 million to the \$2.5 billion Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program. This brings the total size of this program to \$3.25 billion.

This additional \$750 million is expected to be paid to councils across the next three financial years, from 2022-23 to 2024-25, and is in addition to \$600 million that was committed in the 2021-22 Federal Budget for 2022-23. Funding through the LRCI is provided to all councils based on a formula, and approximately \$680 million is expected to be distributed through this program in 2022-23.

### **Financial Assistance Grants**

In 2022-23 the Federal Financial Assistance Grants provided to all councils will increase – at a minimum – from \$2.7 billion to \$2.8 billion, due to the application of indexation. However, the new Federal Government has committed to providing “fair increases” to Financial Assistance Grants, and we look forward to seeing the Government's commitment to fair funding deliver further increases over time.

The new Government is expected to hand down a Budget in October and restoring these grants to 1 percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue is a priority. Increasing Financial Assistance Grants to 1%



of Commonwealth taxation revenue – which is approximately \$5.1 billion – would provide an additional \$2.3 billion in annual funding to local governments.

### **Disaster mitigation funding**

Local government advocacy has delivered a new \$200 million per year disaster mitigation fund, as recommended by the Productivity Commission in 2014. This would be an application-based grant program, and it is expected it will require co-contributions from either state or local governments.

### **Other funding programs**

The new Government has pledged to invest \$400 million in improving mobile phone coverage along roads and in regional and rural areas.

The Government has also announced it will establish a \$15 billion National Reconstruction Fund, a \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund, and a Powering the Regions Fund.

### **SA Grants and Boundaries Commission meetings**

I encourage councils to look at **Councils in Focus** website for information and data on SA Councils (this website was set up by State Government at the suggestion by the SA Productivity Commission)

### **SAROC meeting at LGA House**

- Updates from regional LGAs and available as part of the SAROC agenda
- Planning update – Nick Champion is Minister for Planning (also Housing and Urban Development, Trade and Investment)
- Illegal dumping/anti-litter holiday campaign
- SA Regional Road Priority Project report –Completed by HDS for Legatus Group - will enable cross-regional approach to support funding applications to State and Federal Government based on an agreed priority list

SAROC received the final report from Leonie Boothby & Associates at its Special May meeting, which will inform the development of a **Regional Housing Policy Toolkit**.

The Committee expressed their gratitude for the detailed work produced by Leonie Boothby and her team, which has positioned regional councils at the forefront in formulating solutions to regional housing shortages.

The report provides valuable insights into the major barriers inhibiting regional housing development and provides options and recommendations to inform the LGA's production of:

- An online Local Government Regional Housing Support Framework – for individual councils to consult when considering local interventions.
- A Regional Housing Advocacy Agenda to inform LGA / SAROC policy advocacy to other levels of government.

The insights, options and recommendations contained in the report will also inform the LGA's development of materials to be taken to the Regional Housing Roundtable on 27 June, featuring attendees from State Government agencies and representative Mayors and CEOs from each of the Regional Local Government Associations.

The report is attached to the [26 May](#) SAROC Agenda

**Limestone Coast Leadership Program workshop** to build on the successful three-year pilot project that was successfully auspiced by LCLGA and to the develop the Limestone Coast Regional Leadership Program, led by RDALC and funded by PIRSA. Community input was sought so that the project meets

the needs of the Limestone Coast. The notes taken are with the facilitator Louise Stock, who is collating and analysing the data

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	SA Drought Hub Teams workshop re-engagement with First Nations people
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	LCLGA Mayors and CEOs dinner catch up
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	LGA Ordinary General meeting – motions passed included
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Primary Industries and Regions Forum 2022 held in Adelaide.
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	LGA CWMS Conference Dinner in Mt Gambier
<b>Wednesday 15 April</b>	SA Grants Commission meeting via Team SA Boundaries Commission meeting via Teams
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	LCLGA Mayors and CEOs zoom meeting with NFF re proposal Chaired Local Government Research and Development Scheme Advisory Committee to assess internal projects for 22/23
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	RDALC HR Committee meeting
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SAROC Annual Business Plan meeting
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Regional Roundtable meeting Regions Rising forum Settlement Planning Committee meeting
<b>Wednesday 11 May</b>	LC Regional Growth Plan Pre-workshop meeting with RAI Kym Houghton
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	ALGA pre-election meeting
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SA Grants Commission meeting – agenda included Councils in Focus website SA Boundary Commission meeting
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SAROC meeting at LGA House LGASA Board meeting - ESCOSA Strategic Management Plan Advice Scheme – proposed submission
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Open Space Funding Model Workshop
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	GAROC Climate Change Action Forum Opening address by Deputy Premier, the Hon Dr Susan Close MP. The agenda included a showcase of projects from the Metropolitan Regional Climate Partnerships SAROC Special meeting to release the SAROC Housing Report
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	ALGA post-election meeting.
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Limestone Coast Leadership Program workshop
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	DIT/ Fulton Holton and LCLGA meeting – Limestone Coast Roads Working Group. This was the second meeting of this group and is providing good communication across the groups involved.
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	RDALC Board meeting LCLGA Risk and Audit Committee meeting LCLGA EO Performance Review Committee meeting
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Community Cabinet and LCLGA presentation. The presentation was based on the Limestone Coast Advocacy plan
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	SA Boundaries Commission SA Grants Commission